

Annual Report



Town of Hingham
2014

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Special thanks to Sharon Perfetti

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The Herbert Asa Cole, III Bandstand, built by the DPW in 1966

Area	22.59 Square Miles
Shore Line	21 Miles
Population	22,451
Registered Voters	16,546
Dem. 3,934; Rep. 3,057; Unenrolled, 9,499; Other, 56	
Number of Houses, including Condos	7402
Assessed Value	
Real Property	\$5,822,944,860
Personal Property	\$96496920
Tax Rate	\$12.53
Schools	6
Public School Children, PreK-12 (2/11)	4,362
Professional Staff	359
Support Staff	305
Total FY2015 Town Budget (includes Capital)	\$95,900,303
Total FY2015 School Budget (includes Capital)	\$44,139,396

State Senator
Norfolk-Plymouth
Robert Hedlund
State House,
Rm. 313C
Boston, MA 02133
617-722-1646

State Rep.
Third Plymouth Dist.
Precincts 1,3,4,5,5A,6
Garrett Bradley
State House, Rm. 478
Boston, MA 02133
617-722-2520

State Rep.
Fourth Norfolk Dist.
Precinct 2
James Murphy
State House, Rm. 443
Boston, MA 02133
617-722-2460



Paul Healey, Irma Lauter, Paul Gannon

Board of Selectmen

Although the Board of Selectmen's report highlights the calendar year of 2014, it would be remiss to not mention the epic winter of 2015. With a record snow of approximately 110 inches, the Town prevailed due to its employees who were heroic in their response to the snow and weather events. The Board wishes to express gratitude and thanks to all the Town employees, the Hingham Light Plant and contractors that worked tirelessly during the snow and weather events. The first responders who ventured out in the blizzards cannot be thanked enough for their service. Hingham answered the call like the special place it is.

The Town's AAA rating continues to reflect its strong financial position. Prudent debt management policies and competent management are all areas of fiscal strength. We are again cautiously optimistic about the future. However, we remain concerned about managing potentially slow growth due to the lagging economic recovery and ever rising demands for service based on population growth. It will be a balancing act to minimize the economic burdens our citizens face in this economy.

The 2015 Annual Town meeting will again consider a modest tax relief proposal for FY2016 by keeping a promise made to taxpayers to employ meal's tax revenues and unused levy capacity to mitigate the impact of tax increases. The increases are a direct result of the voter approval of

the new Middle School and other Town projects. The Board continues to look for opportunities to provide tax relief to the neediest citizens, seniors as well as all property owners. The proposed budget continues to restore positions in Town departments and the Schools that were lost opportunities during the financial crises years. The Town now has an annual budget of one hundred million dollars with a population over twenty two thousand.

The Capital Budget for FY2016 addresses planning for projects on Summer Street and the Rotary, the seawalls at the harbor, a renovation of the Fire Station on North Street, and a project to restore the Bathing Beach and address the parking lot erosion. The years ahead will see a number of proposals for building renovations to address our aging infrastructure and population growth.

Debt management continues to be a strength of the Town. Approximately forty six million dollars was financed through general obligation bonds at a rate of 0.75% in the Spring of 2014. One of the Selectmen's objectives this year was to work with the Advisory Committee, which is responsible for the Town Financial Policy, to examine the short term versus long term debt strategy. Given that Hingham debt offerings are still much in demand by investors, the decision was made to convert all the short term debt to long term in the spring of 2015. The Advisory Committee has updated the Financial Policy to reflect timely discussions of long term versus short term debt. This is a further example of prudent decisions made in the best interest of the Town and the taxpayer.

Expenses for "snow and ice" and roof clearings are approaching two million dollars for FY2015. The excess over the budgeted amounts will be taken from Fund Balance. The Board is cautiously evaluating short term spending that involves decreasing the Fund Balance level, up from its lowest point of 8.9% in FY2009. The level of Fund Balance is one of the strengths supporting the Town's continued AAA rating. The current unassigned fund balance is now over 20 percent. The Town policy is a range of 16 to 20 percent.

The Town's study of owning its municipal water company and the litigation to determine a price for the potential acquisition continues. The court trial testimony has concluded and closing arguments are scheduled for the end of May of 2015. A decision on the price is expected in early summer 2015. If appropriate, after open meetings with the Town, a future Town Meeting will allow citizens to decide if such ownership is in the best interests of the Town. To address current

issues, the Water Supply Committee was reactivated and is engaged with short and long term issues impacting the Town.

The potential slow economic growth is being addressed, in part, by the South Hingham Study Group, established in 2013. The quest for responsible development, given the need for serious infrastructure improvements has proved to be challenging. Work continues on improvement of the Derby Street corridor. Hingham has received excellent support from all members of our legislative contingent for the Derby Street corridor improvements, harbor improvements and other projects. It is much appreciated.

The Harbor Task Force has been reactivated to coordinate projects impacting Summer Street, the Rotary and Route 3A, the harbor front and the Bathing Beach. The Task Force has representation from the Planning Board, Zoning Board, Development and Industrial Commission, Trustees of the Bathing Beach, Harbor Development Committee, the Town Engineer and two independent citizens.

Planning initiatives moved forward for the senior population. The Elder Services Department has outgrown its space; the seniors are the fastest growing segment of our Town's population. A Recreation and Fields Study Committee has been formed to address the current state of facilities and future needs of the citizens.

Planning for public safety departments continues. The Police Department needs additional space and the addition of a fourth Fire Station is being studied to serve South Hingham now and in the future as responsible development occurs.

A Hingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition has been formed. The mission of the Coalition is to foster a strong and inclusive community that promotes choosing a healthy lifestyle and informed and responsible choices about drug and alcohol use.

The Town devoted time and effort in addressing the 2012 FEMA flood maps. The recent 2012 FEMA maps resulted in potentially dire consequences for residents and commercial businesses as well as Town properties. In some cases, residents were told their flood insurance could be as high as fifty thousand dollars a year. The Town responded by challenging FEMA and, over the course of the year, new draft Flood Insurance Rate maps detailing proposed changes to flood zones in coastal areas are in final review and will go into effect 120 days after the review is complete and the appropriate public notice is given. The new

maps will ameliorate most of the negative consequences presented by the 2012 FEMA maps. In addition, the Town is in the process of finalizing a study designed to examine rising sea levels and its impact on the Town, especially the harbor, downtown and the waterfront areas.

We continue to provide the highest level of services to our Veterans. The Town Administrator received the "Patriot Award" for programs provided by the Town to support our Veterans. We continue to explore opportunities for new and enhanced programs. It is fitting to recognize our Veterans' Service Officer, CPO Keith Jermyn, currently on deployment in Somalia. We wish him a speedy and safe return and thank him and all our Veterans for their service.

The Board wishes to thank the residents for their generous response to the Flags For Soldiers Campaign recognizing the service members from Hingham serving in the Armed Forces.

On April 30, 2015, we say goodbye to Chief Michael Peraino after 37 years of exemplary service as he and his wife Linda head into a well-deserved retirement. The Chief was the Town's first DARE officer and now many of our police officers are graduates of his program. He has served the Town with dignity, professionalism and a caring hand.

The Board would be remiss by not acknowledging the formidable service of Betty Foley and Betty Tower for their decades of dedicated and loyal service to the Town of Hingham. Both women have ensured that the office of the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Hingham runs smoothly and efficiently. We wish them both all the best in their retirement.

Finally, the Board of Selectmen wishes to thank the volunteers who unselfishly give their time and talent to the many committees and boards without which we could not accomplish the work of the Town. Hingham is a very special place because of the Advisory Committee, elected and appointed Boards, elected officials and all the volunteers who render their service for the good of the entire Town. Given this epic year, we give them, and our dedicated staffs, our heartfelt thanks.

Irma H. Lauter, Chairman
Paul K. Healey
Paul J. Gannon

Town Administrator

I am pleased to submit my report to the citizens of the Town of Hingham as the Town Administrator.

The past year we have seen continued improvement in the financial position of the Town. Fund Balance reserves have surpassed our financial objectives as the results of having implemented both financial and operational initiatives over the past several years. However, new tax revenues derived from an expansion of the tax base are tapering off, and new economic development is several years away, thus creating budgetary pressure over the next few years.

In a continuing effort from the Board of Selectmen to mitigate the impact of large town projects on the property tax base, 2014 saw the implementation of a property tax reduction strategy that resulted in an approximate 2% reduction of taxes for the fiscal year 2015. The 2014 Annual Town Meeting funded these initiatives, and the development of the fiscal 2016 budget includes similar funding to continue the program of offsetting the impact of property tax increases due to voter approved building projects. The property tax reduction strategy will be funded by current and past collections of the "meal tax" that the town adopted in 2011.

Also during 2014, the town continued studying the feasibility of purchasing the Town water system from Aquarion Water Company, while at the same time endeavoring to enhance current service, and mitigating the high cost of water.

Significant effort was continued on increasing the overall quality and condition of the Town's roadway system as the following streets were paved: Abington St., Burditt Ave., Cole Rd., Fearing Rd., Fontainbleau Dr., Fort Hill St., Fresh River Ave., Hancock Rd. (partial), Hitching Post Lane, Lazell St. (partial), Martins Lane (partial), Miles Rd., Old Derby St. (partial), Stagecoach Rd. and Union Street.

The Town expects to spend \$1 million on roads in 2015, as detailed in the multi-year plan that has been developed by the Engineering Department. The following streets are scheduled for completion: Boulder Glen Rd., Cottage St., Croyden Rd., Evergreen Lane, Gilford Rd., Lyndon Rd., Martins Cove Lane, Martins Cove Rd., Martins Lane (completion), Porter's Cove Rd., Seal Cove Lane, Seal Cove Rd., Ship St. and Surry Road.

2014 saw the retirement of Dennis Corcoran after twenty years of dedicated and exemplary service as Director of the Public Library. In all, nineteen people retired this year from Town service and we wish them well for many years to come. Police Chief Michael Peraino will be retiring on April 30, 2015 after serving the Town well for 37 years with good humor, courtesy and complete professionalism.

I want to thank the Board of Selectmen for its support, the department heads and administrators, as well as the town employees and volunteers, particularly Betty Foley, Betty Tower, Sharon Perfetti and David Basler in the Selectmen's office, for their helpfulness and cooperation during the past year. Success is a cooperative effort, and I look forward to a productive year serving the Hingham community in 2015.

Ted C. Alexiades
Town Administrator



Ted Alexiades receiving The Patriot Award from John Pelose in recognition of the Town of Hingham for contributing to national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America's National Guard and Reserve Force.

2014

Elected Town Officers

	Term <u>Expires</u>
MODERATOR (1 Year Term)	
Michael J. Puzo	2015
BOARD OF SELECTMEN (3 Year Term)	
Paul J. Gannon	2017
Paul K. Healey	2016
Irma H. Lauter	2015
TOWN CLERK (3 Year Term)	
Eileen A. McCracken	2015
TREASURER/COLLECTOR (3 Year Term)	
Jean Montgomery (2013 ATM Voted to Appoint)	
BOARD OF ASSESSORS (3 Year Term)	
Stuart Gregory Hall, Chairman	2017
Harold S. Goldstein	2016
Michael P. Shaughnessy	2015
BOARD OF HEALTH (3 Year Term)	
Stephan J. White	2017
Kirk J. Shilts	2016
Peter B. Bickford	2015
MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD (3 Year Term)	
John Ryan	2017
Walter A. Foscett	2016
John A. Stoddard, Jr.	2015
HOUSING AUTHORITY (5 Year Term)	
Robert D. Keyes	2019
James R. Watson	2018
Kevin C. Connelly	2017
Amy Farrell (Appointed by State)	2016
Stephanie A. McHugh	2015

SCHOOL COMMITTEE (3 Year Term)

Carol M. Falvey	2017
Edward J. Schreier	2017
Elizabeth O'Reilly	2016
Raymond C. Estes	2016
Andrew A. Shafter	2016
Dennis C. Friedman	2015
Paul J. Gannon	2015

PLANNING BOARD (5 Year Term)

Walter Sullivan Jr.	2019
Sarah H. Corey	2018
Judith S. Sneath	2017
Gary S. Tondorf-Dick	2016
William C. Ramsey	2015

SEWER COMMISSION (3 Year Term)

Kenneth F. Johnson, Jr. (Appt to replace E. Gondveer)	2017
Edmund Demko	2016
Robert M. Higgins (Appt to replace M. Salerno)	2015

RECREATION COMMISSION (5 Year Term)

Sarah J. Melia	2019
Vicki Donlan	2018
Budd K. Thorne, Jr.	2017
Paul G. Paget	2016
Adrienne S. Ramsey (Appt to replace T. Belyea)	2015

**COMMITTEE TO HAVE CHARGE OF THE INCOME OF
THE HANNAH LINCOLN WHITING FUND (3 Year Term)**

Karen Sadlon	2017
Betty Fernandes	2016
Louis Belknap	2015

**TRUSTEES OF THE BATHING BEACH
(Elected at ATM, CH75, Acts of 1934)**

Edward Johnson
 Alan Perrault
 Joan P. Williams

2014 Appointees

Term Expires

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

(Appt. By Selectmen MGL C41 S55)

Susan Nickerson

ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. by Moderator ART 13, 1924)

Thomas E. Belyea	2017
Daniel J. Coughlin	2017
Linda K. Kutsch	2017
James A. Sharkansky	2017
James W. Taylor	2017
Theodore Joyce	2016
Mary M. Power	2016
Thomas J. Pyles	2016
William Wise	2016
Donna Smallwood	2016
Victor Baltera	2015
Eric Haskell	2015
Lucy Hancock	2015
Gregory M. MacCune	2015
Craig D. MacKay	2015

AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 21 ATM 2007) 2 Year Term

Aylene Calnan	2016
Anita Comerford	2016
Nancy Kerber	2016
Peter Vanderweil	2016
Kevin C. Connelly	2016
Daniel Jacobson	2015
Timothy White	2015
Patrick R. Gaughen	2015
Paul Gannon (Selectmen's Rep)	2015

APPEALS, ZONING BOARD OF

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Joseph Freeman	2017
Joseph M. Fisher	2016
W. Tod McGrath	2015

Associate Members (one year term)

David Anderson
Alan Kearney
Robyn S. Maguire
Mario Romania, Jr.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE
(ART 26, ATM 2010)**

George L. Alexakos (Moderator Appt.)	2017
George Danis (Moderator Appt.)	2017
Josh Gregory (Selectmen Appt.)	2016
Edwin J. Gillis (Moderator Appt.)	2015
Jason Ryan (Selectmen Appt.)	2015
Ted C. Alexiades, Town Administrator, ex-officio	
Susan Nickerson, Town Accountant, ex-officio	

**BARE COVE PARK COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Susan M. Kains	2017
Robert Smaldone	2017
Richard J. Callahan	2017
Rikard Johnson	2017
DeWitt DeLawter	2016
James Nowicki	2016
Shirley Rydell	2016
Thomas A. Burbank	2015
Edward J. Matthews	2015

**BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION
(Appt. By Selectmen, 6/15/04)**

Suzanne M. Harnden	2017
Carolyn Aliski	2017
Diane Morrison	2017
Deborah A. Hayes	2017
Patricia Bray	2016
Margaret Coleman	2016
Rosemarie Durkin	2016
Laura Spaziani	2016
Maura Graham	2015

BOARD OF HEALTH MEDICAL DIRECTOR
Elizabeth Eldredge, MD

**BOSTON HARBOR ISLANDS NATIONAL PARK
ADVISORY COUNCIL
(Appt. By Selectmen)**
William Reardon
John Elmer

**BUILDING DEPARTMENT
(Appt. by Town Administrator under MA State Bldg. Code
780 CMR 5105.1 (for ensuing year))**
Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner
Robert Egan, Local Building Inspector
Reginald Newcomb, Local Building Inspector
Richard Wakem, Local Building Inspector
William Nickerson, Inspector of Wires
Donald Drew, Ass't. Inspector of Wires
David Bennett, Ass't. Inspector of Wires
Brian McPherson, Plumbing & Gas Inspector
Jay Yetman, Ass't. Plumbing & Gas Inspector

**CABLE TV ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

John Rice	2017
Eric Connerly	2016
David Jones	2016
Phillip S. Thaxter	2015
Sandra S. Peavey	2015
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, (School Rep.)	

CABLE DIRECTORS OF TELEVISION PUBLIC ACCESS CORP.
James Dellot
Hal Goldstein
Robert Kirk
Noreen Moross
Margaret Sullivan

**CAPITAL OUTLAY COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 32 ATM 1956, By-Law 14)**
Elizabeth Claypoole 2017
Harold F. Schlib, III 2016
Brendan Kiernan 2015
Appt. By Advisory Committee Chairman
Craig MacKay
Lucy Hancock

Ex-Officio

Treasurer (Non-voting member)

**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
(ART38 ATM 2001)**

Anthony Kiernan (Moderator Appt.)	2017
Kathleen Peters (Selectmen Appt.)	2017
Irma Lauter (Selectmen Rep.)	2017
Scott McIsaac (Conservation Comm. Rep.)	2016
Robert Curley (Historical Comm. Rep.)	2016
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Board Rep.)	2016
James Watson (Housing Authority Rep.)	2016
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Commission Rep.)	2016
Matthew Zieper (Moderator Appt)	2015

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION
(MGL, C40 S8C, ART 1 STM 1959)**

John Morrissey	2017
Robert Mosher	2017
Frank Gaul	2017
Michael Ide	2016
Eldon L. Abbott	2016
Scott T. McIsaac	2015
Alan E. McKenna	2015

CONSTABLE**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 64 ATM 1991)**

Kathleen Peloquin	2017
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**CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD
(MGL, C32 S20 4B)**

William Powers (Elected by Employees)	2017
Ted Alexiades (Appointed by Selectmen)	2016
Jean M. Montgomery (Elected by Employees)	2016
Henry F. G. Wey, III (Retirement Board Appt.)	2015

Ex-officio

Susan Nickerson (Town Accountant)

COUNCIL ON AGING**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13, 17 ATM 1970)**

Gretchen Condon	2017
Gail Faring	2017
Joan Iovino	2017
Richard Ponte	2017

Debra Hoffman	2017
June M. Freedman	2016
Chrisanne Gregoire	2016
Leslie Vickers	2016
Edward Ford	2015
Beth Rouleau	2015
Dawn Sibor	2015

COUNTRY CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, ATM 1993 By-Law 37)

John J. Bailey	2018
William Friend	2017
Roderick C. Gaskell	2017
Scott D. Peterson	2016
Paul J. Casey	2015

CULTURAL COUNCIL

(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C10 S35C)

Marlie L. McManus	2017
Jean Roberts	2017
Janine Bradley Suchecki	2017
Trish Baggott	2016
Jill Powell	2016
Deanna Maria Costa	2015
Carol B. Moss	2015

DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION

(Appt. By Selectmen, 7 members, 5 Year Term)

Susan L. Sullivan	2018
Gregory Lane	2018
Mary Ann Blackmur	2017
Eileen Richards	2016
Nanette G. Walsh	2016
Kevin Ellis	2015
Scott R. Peterson	2015

DISABILITY ISSUES, COMMISSION ON

(MGL C40, S8J, ATM 1989, ART. 50)

Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner
 Barbara Partridge
 John Pollick
 Susan Sommer

EDUCATION/SCHOLARSHIP FUND
(Appt. by Selectmen 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3C)
Elizabeth Flynn
Dorothy Galo
Jennifer Henriksen
Judith Rielly
Patricia Tomecek

ELECTRONIC VOTING, COMMITTEE TO STUDY
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 24 ATM 2013)
Charles Clapp
Judy Cole (resigned)
Marissa Costello
Dight Crain
Edna English
Eric Haskell (resigned)
Andrew McElaney, Chair
George Miller

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, DIRECTOR OF
Mark L. Duff

ENERGY ACTION COMMITTEE
(ART 41 ATM 2008)
Scott Cyr, Selectmen Appt.
Brad Moyer, Selectmen Appt.
Ben Kerman, M.D., Selectman Appt.
Kenneth Brown, Moderator Appt.
Otto Harling, Moderator Appt.
Vacant, Moderator Appt.
Paul Heanue, Light Plant Mgr.
Ex-officio
Town Accountant
School Business Manager

FIRE CHIEF
Mark L. Duff

FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSET REVIEW COMMITTEE
(Appt. by Selectmen 4/4/13)
Chief Mark Duff
Lt. William McIntyre
Charles Bacon
Carl Peterson (resigned 10/14)

Alan Kearney
Thomas J. Carey
Board of Selectmen Chair

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL 130 S93,94,95,96)

See Conservation Commission

FOURTH OF JULY PARADE COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen Annually)

Jason Caine	Cassie McDermott
Melissa Caine	Jay McGrail
Mary Ellen Carlisle	John Monz
Monica Conyngham	Carrie Murphy
Deanna Maria Costa	Jim Murphy (Chair)
Jack Dean	Bill Nickerson
DeWitt Delawter	Robin Nickerson
Eric Dresser	Louis O'Dea
George Ford	Glenn Olsson
Ginny Gray	Gabby Roegner
Susan Hagstrom	Christine Spielberger
Owen Kane	Cindy Tonucci
Dan Lahiff	
Dave Madden	

GAR HALL TRUSTEES

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 40 ATM 1944)

Robert Beal, Jr.	2017
Scott McMillan	2016
Arthur J. Smith (Interim)	2015
Keith Jermyn (On Leave)	2015

HARBOR DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 30 ATM 1971)

Edward Colbert	2017
Brian Knies	2017
Thomas Coveney	2017
William S. Reardon	2016
Eric Kachel	2016
Paul Losordo	2015
Edward Morris	2015

HARBORMASTER-CUSTODIAN OF THE ISLANDS

Kenneth R. Corson, III

Assistant Harbormasters (Annual Appt.)

Joseph P. Driscoll
Michael McCue
Neal Nelson
Michael Riley
Danny Sousa

**HAZARDOUS WASTE-MUNICIPAL COORDINATOR
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Bruce T. Capman, Executive Health Officer
David Damstra, Deputy Coordinator

**HERBERT FOSS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Peter T. Finney
John McHugh
Alan D. Perrault
Donald J. MacKinnon
William S. Reardon
Melissa Tully

**HISTORIAN, TOWN
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 2 ATM 1943)**

Alexander Macmillan

**HISTORIC ARCHIVES TASK FORCE
(Appt. By Selectmen, 8/30/2011)**

Paula M. Bagger (Historical Society Member)
Ann Dalton (Library Director or Designee)
Dorothy Galo (School Supt. Or Designee)
Eileen A. McCracken (Town Clerk or Designee)
Stephen Swett (Historical Commission Member)

**HISTORIC DISTRICTS COMMISSION
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 37 1966 ATM, ART 34 ATM 1967)**

Lois Levine	2017
Marc Minor	2017
Virginia Tay	2016
Hans von der Luft	2016
Charles Clutz	2015

Alternate Members

Thomas Kindler	2017
Martha Saunders	2016
John D'Angelo	2016

Michael Collard	2015
Anne Fanton	2015

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C40 S8D, ART 21 1974)

Huck Handy	2017
Stephen Swett	2017
Kathryn Black	2017
Michael Dyer	2016
Robert A. Curley, Jr.	2016
Arthur K. Choo, Jr.	2015
Thomas Willson	2015

LIBRARY, HINGHAM PUBLIC, TRUSTEE OF

Charles B. Abbott, Esq.
Edward D. Boylan
Thomas J. Carey, Jr.
Edna English
Arthur Garrity
Harold Goldstein
David Mehegan
JoAnn Mitchell
Nelson G. Ross, Esq.
Edward Siegfried

Appt. By Selectmen

Elizabeth A. Eldredge	2017
Bonnie B. Hobbs	2016
Michael A. Spatola	2015

Appt. By Moderator

Caryl Falvey	2015
Tina V. Sherwood	2015

Ex-officio

Rep. of Board of Selectmen
Treasurer/Collector
Superintendent of Schools

LINCOLN APARTMENTS, LLC BOARD OF MANAGERS (ART 1 STM 2008)

Patrick Gaughen (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)	2017
Albert Rodiger (Selectmen Appt.)	2017
Richard Mason (Affordable Housing Trust Appt.)	2016
John W. McHugh (Moderator Appt.)	2016
Thomas P. Shanley (Selectmen Appt.)	2015

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Robert Olsson, Deputy Chief, Fire Department, Chairman
Michael Peraino, Police Chief
Glenn Olsson, Deputy Chief, Police Dept.
Mark L. Duff, Fire Chief
David Damstra, Fire Department Hazmat
William Gray, Fire Department, EMS
Irma H. Lauter, Selectman
Paul Gannon, Selectman
Paul K. Healey, Selectman
Ted C. Alexiades, Town Administrator
Bruce Capman, Executive Health Officer
Kenneth R. Corson, III, Harbormaster
Barbara Farnsworth, Elder Services
Paul Field, School Department
Michael Clancy, Building Commissioner
Paul Heanue, Manager, HMLP
Abby Piersall, Conservation Officer
Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer
Harry Sylvester, Asst. Project Engineer
Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

LONG RANGE WASTE DISPOSAL/RECYCLING COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 25 ATM 1974)**

John Stringer	2017
Kimberly Jursic	2016
Janice B. McPhillips	2016
Cheryl A. Bierwirth	2015
Brenda P. Black	2015
Peter Stathopoulos	2015
Elizabeth A. Dewire	2015
David P. White	2015

Ex-officio

Superintendent Public Works

MBTA ADVISORY BOARD

Marco Boer, Hingham Representative

MASS BAYS PROGRAM LOCAL GOVERNANCE COMM.

Peter S. Rosen, Hingham Representative
Faith L. Burbank, Alternate Representative

MASS PORT AUTHORITY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Declan Boland, Hingham Representative
Ronald Vickers, Co-Representative

MASS WATER RESOURCES AUTH. ADVISORY BOARD

Edmund Demko, Hingham Representative
Michael Salerno, Alternate Representative

MASSPORT COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen, 11/30/2000)

Declan Boland, Hingham Representative

MAYFLOWER MUNICIPAL HEALTH GROUP

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Ted C. Alexiades, Representative
Betty Foley, Alternate Representative

MEMORIAL BELL TOWER COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen Annually, ART 13 ATM 1975)

Kenneth Drescher
Joan Getto
Martha Ryan
Ann Shilhan
Michael Shilhan
Dorcas V. Wagner

METROPOLITAN AREA PLANNING COUNCIL

(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, 3 Year Term)

Marco Boer
Edna S. English, Alternate

2015

MUNICIPAL HEARINGS OFFICER

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Eileen A. McCracken

NOISE BY-LAW STUDY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen. ART 31 ATM 2013)

Declan Boland
Vicki Donlan
Dennis King
Brian Knies
Joseph McCracken

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C161 S7, ART 15 ATM 1997)**

Jim Morris (Conservation Appt.)	2017
Carolyn Nieslen (Selectmen Appt.)	2016
Laurie Freeman (Planning Board Appt.)	2015

PARKING CLERK**(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 13 STM 11/16/81)**

Eileen A. McCracken

**PERMANENT BUILDING & FACILITIES MANAGEMENT
STUDY COMMITTEE****(Appt. By Selectmen, 10/12/2010)**

Roger Fernandes
Donald J. MacKinnon
John Manley
Jerry Seelen
Benedict Wilcox

PERSONNEL BOARD**(Appt. By Moderator, ART 4 ATM 1970)**

Russell F. Conn	2017
John F. Manning	2017
Mary Jane O'Meara	2016
Marie S. Harris	2015
David Pace	2015

PLANNING BOARD**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Richard Cook (Associate Member)

PLYMOUTH COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD REP.

Irma Lauter

PLYMOUTH COUNTY STUDY COMMITTEE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Peter Blampied
James Claypoole
Scott Ford
Michael Holden, Esq.
Jane Malme

POLICE CHIEF
(Appt. By Selectmen)
Michael Peraino

PUBLIC WORKS, SUPERINTENDENT OF
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C41 S66)
Randy Sylvester

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS
(Appt. by Selectmen, MGL C51 S15, 18)
Dawn Sibor 2017
Betty Tower 2016
Virginia Gray 2015
Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk

SCHOLARSHIP FUND COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen, ART 26 ATM 1975)
John Fitzsimmons 2018
Adam White 2017
Kurt Weisenbeck 2016
Roger Nastou 2016
Matthew McGonagle (fill unexpired term) 2016
Jean Montgomery, Treasurer 2015
Andrew Shafter 2015

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE, 2006
(ART 17, ATM 2006)
Robert S. Bucey (Moderator Appt.)
Timothy R. Collins (Moderator Appt.)
Samantha Anderson (School Comm. Appt.)
Peter Bradley (School Comm. Appt.)
Raymond Estes (School Comm. Appt.)
Sandra Cleary (Selectmen Appt.)
Stefan Vogelmann (Selectmen Appt.)

SHADE TREE COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Selectmen)
James R. Huse
Barbara Kardok
Dorothy Manganaro
Michael Studley

SOUTH HINGHAM STUDY GROUP**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Richard Cook (At large)

Paul Healey (Selectmen's Rep.)

Tod McGrath (ZBA Rep.)

Judith Sneath (Planning Board Rep.)

Susan Sullivan (Dev. and Ind. Rep.)

Mark Lucas

Jerry Seelen

SOUTH SHORE COALITION**(Appt. By Selectmen, 3 Year Term)**

Irma Lauter

2015

SOUTH SHORE RECYCLING COOPERATIVE**(Appt. By Selectmen)**

Stephen Messinger

Randy Sylvester

SOUTH WEYMOUTH NAVAL AIR STATION

Joseph Fisher, Member CAC

Mary Byram, Member CAC

William Koplovsky, Rep. to the Advisory Board of the South Shore

Tri-Town Development Corp.

SPECIAL EDUCATION WORKING GROUP**(Appt. by Selectmen, 8/23/2012)**

Laura Burns

David Ellison

Elizabeth Flynn

Dennis Friedman

Dorothy Galo

Melissa Goldman

Linda Port, Chair

Marisa Ronan

Linda Kutsch, Advisory Comm. Liaison

Paul Gannon, ex-officio

TAXATION AID FUND COMMITTEE**(Appt. by Selectmen, 11/15/05 MGL C60 S3D)**

Carolyn Kelliher

John J. Pollick

Greg Hall, Assessors

Jean Montgomery, Treasurer

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR/FINANCE DIRECTOR

Ted C. Alexiades

2012 TOWN HALL STUDY COMMITTEE

(Ad Hoc Appt. by Selectmen, 12/20/12)

Thomas Carey, Jr.

Ronnie Kirvin

Jerry Seelen

TRAFFIC & SAFETY COMMITTEE

(Appt. By Selectmen)

Police Chief (or Rep.)

Fire Chief (or Rep.)

Planning Board Chairman (or Rep.)

Dept. of Public Works Superintendent (or Rep.)

Clark Frazier

2017

Dan Zivkovich

2017

James Costello

2015

TREE WARDEN

Randy Sylvester, Superintendent of Public Works

UNDERGROUND UTILITIES TASK FORCE

(Appt. By Selectmen, 9/18/2007)

L. Paul Heanue

Sandra Peavey

Bruce Rabuffo

John A. Riley

Susan Sullivan

Benedict Wilcox

VETERANS COUNCIL

(MGL Ch. 115, Sec. 12, Appt. by Selectmen)

Maureen DeMenna

2017

John G. Buckley

2017

Jack Rayburn

2017

Robert Gibbs

2016

Edward Guild, Jr.

2016

William Ramsey

2016

Jonathan Asher

2015

W. Paul Koenen

2015

James Claypoole

2015

Keith Jermyn
John W. McHugh
Scott McMillan
David Sargent

**WATER CO. ACQUISITION STUDY COMMITTEE
(Appt. by Selectmen, 3/29/12)**

Jonathan Asher
Joseph L. Bierwirth, Jr.
Joshua Krumholz
Michael A. Salerno
Edward R. Siegfried

**WATER SUPPLY COMMITTEE
(Appt. By Moderator, ART 11 ATM 1946)**

James Connelly
Maureen F. Doran
Matthew H. Greene
Ron Kirven
Samuel S. Mullin
Kirk J. Shilts
Adam C. S. White

**WEIGHTS & MEASURES INSPECTOR
(Appt. By Selectmen, MGL C98 S34)**

Robert Egan

WEIR RIVER ESTUARY PARK COMMITTEE

Patricia Coyle, Hingham Representative
David Sibor, Hingham Representative

Annual Town Meeting

April 28, 2014

Registered Voters: 16,596

Attendance: 510

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts was held at the Hingham High School, 17 Union Street, on Monday, April 28, 2014. Michael J. Puzo, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m, a quorum being present. Mary Jean O'Mara were appointed to preside as Assistant Moderators. The invocation was given by Reverend Kenneth Read-Brown from Old Ship Church. The Pledge of Allegiance lead by Keith Jermyn, the Town Director of Veteran's Service. Eileen A. McCracken, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting. The following actions were taken on the articles contained in the warrant.

ARTICLES INDEX

1. Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund
2. Assume Liability for DCR on Rivers, Harbors, etc.
3. Reports from various Town Committees
4. Report of the Personnel Board
5. Salaries of Town Officers
6. Budgets
7. Transfer from the Stabilization Fund
8. Meals Tax Revenue to Reduce the Tax Rate
9. Reallocation of Funds to Meals Tax Stabilization
10. Reallocation of Funds to Reduce FY15 Tax rate
11. Disbursement of Electric Light Department Receipts
12. Building Department Revolving Fund
13. Department of Elder Services Revolving Fund
14. Transfer Funds to the Reserve Fund
15. SSCC Mowers and Triplexes
16. Fire Engines Borrowing
17. Water Company Acquisition Feasibility Continuation
18. Disbursement of Electric Light Plant Receipts
19. Accept MGL c.48§42A effective July 1, 2015
20. Amend General By-laws re: Procedure at Town Meeting
21. Electronic Voting Pilot Program
22. Amend General By-laws re: Registered Marijuana Dispensaries
23. Amend General By-laws re: Affordable Housing Provisions to LIP Requirements
24. Amend General By-laws re: Body Art

25. Amend General By-laws re: Certain parcels on South Street
26. Community Preservation
27. Accept C. 188 §65 of the Acts of 2010 for expedited procedures for handling unclaimed checks
28. Intermunicipal Agreement for Recycling
29. Amend General By-law re: Noise By-law
30. Expansion of the 43D District
31. Special Legislation – SPED Financing
32. Public Safety Parcel on Whiting Street
33. Amend General By-laws re: Use of Conservation Land
34. Acceptance of Easements
35. Bill of a previous year
36. Insurance Recovery in Excess of \$20,000
37. Street Acceptance Bare Cove Park Drive

Article 1

VOTED : That Karen Sadlon, 33 South Pleasant Street, be elected a member of the Committee to have charge of the income of the Hannah Lincoln Whiting Fund for a term of three years.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 2

VOTED: That the Town in accordance with, and only to the extent permitted by, Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 91, Section 29, as amended, assume liability for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tide waters, foreshores and shores along a public beach within the Town, in accordance with Section 11 of said Chapter 91, and that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity to the Commonwealth assuming such liability.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 3

VOTED: That the reports, if any, of the Affordable Housing Trust; Audit Committee; Capital Outlay Committee; Commission on Disability Issues; Community Preservation Committee; Conservation Commission; Country Club Management Committee; Council on Aging; Electronic Voting Study Committee; Energy Action Committee; GAR Hall Trustees; Harbor Development Committee; Hingham Historic Districts Commission; the Historian; Historical Commission; Board of Managers of Lincoln Apartments LLC; Long-Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee; Memorial Bell Tower Committee; Open Space Acquisition Committee; Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee; Scholarship Fund Committee; 2006 School Building Committee; Wastewater Master Planning Committee; and Water Supply Committee be received; and that all of said Committees, Commissions, the Council and the Historian be continued, except that the Regional Refuse Disposal Planning Committee be discharged with thanks.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 4

VOTED: That the report of the Personnel Board, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's Office, be accepted; that the amendments of the Personnel By-law, including the Classification and Salary Plan, and any agreements reached by the Personnel Board in collective bargaining, which may be embodied or referred to in said report, be approved and adopted in their entirety, such approval and adoption to become effective July 1, 2014 or as otherwise specified in said report or agreements; that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$370,542 for the purpose of this vote; and that the Town Accountant is hereby authorized and instructed to allocate said sum to and among the several Personnel Services and Expense Accounts in such amounts, respectively, as are proper and required to meet such amendments and to comply with such collective bargaining agreements as may be entered into by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 5

VOTED: That, subject to the proviso below, the salary from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015 for each of the following officers shall be at the rates below stated or provided after the name of the office:

Selectmen: at the annual rate of \$2,000 each, except that the Chair shall receive an annual rate of \$2,500 for the period of incumbency.

Assessors: at the annual rate of \$1,800 each, except that the Chair for the period of incumbency shall receive an annual rate of \$2,000.

TownClerk¹ In accordance with the compensation rates established in Grade 15 of the Town of Hingham Classification and Salary Plan of the Personnel By-law.

Municipal Light Board: at the annual rate of \$214 each (to be paid from the receipts of the Electric Light Department). Provided: that the salary of each such officer except Selectman, Assessor and Municipal Light Board Member shall be reduced by all retirement allowances and pensions received by such officer from the Town of Hingham.

¹ Town Clerk, when serving as a member of the Board of Registrars of Voters, shall be paid for such duties in accordance with Section 19G of Chapter 41 of the General Laws.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 7

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the sum of \$176,629 from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the fiscal year 2015 tax rate.

2/3rds Vote Required

A Majority Vote

Article 8

VOTED: That the Town amend the vote under Article 34 of the 2010 Annual Town Meeting in order to designate future Meals Tax Revenue generated under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 64L, § 2 as a local receipt available to reduce the tax rate and to transfer and/or appropriate the sum of \$600,000 in the upcoming fiscal year to reduce the FY15 tax rate.

A Majority Vote

Article 9

VOTED: That the Town reallocate, transfer and/or appropriate \$620,513 previously appropriated by the vote under Article 13 of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting to the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund.

**2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

Article 10

VOTED: That the town transfer \$450,000 from the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2015 tax rate and that the balance of \$294,120 remain in the Meals Tax Stabilization Fund for future tax rate reduction.

**2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

Article 11

VOTED: That, with the exception of \$500,000, which is hereby transferred to the General Fund to reduce the tax rate, all funds received by the Municipal Lighting Plant during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2014, be appropriated to said Municipal Lighting Plant, the same to be expended by the Manager of Municipal Lighting under the control and direction of the Municipal Light Board for the expenses of the Plant for said fiscal year, as defined in Sections 57 and 57A of Chapter 164 of the Massachusetts General Laws and, if there should be any unexpended balance thereof at the end of said fiscal year, such amount as is deemed necessary shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may be authorized by the Municipal Light Board during the next fiscal year.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 12

VOTED: That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund in the Building Department. Departmental receipts for building inspections performed by the Assistant Building Inspectors shall be credited to the fund. Moneys shall be spent primarily to compensate such inspectors for their services. The Building Commissioner, or functional equivalent, shall be authorized to spend moneys from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$250,000 during Fiscal Year 2015.

A Unanimous Vote
Article 13

VOTED: That, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2, which allows the Town to establish departmental revolving funds, the Town authorizes the continuation of such a fund for the Department of Elder Services. Departmental receipts for all fees and charges received from Senior Center programs shall be credited to the fund. Moneys shall be spent for Senior Center programs and related expenses. The Director of Elder Services, or functional equivalent, shall be authorized to spend moneys from the fund. The amount that may be spent from the fund shall be limited to \$60,000 during Fiscal Year 2015.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 14

VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds the sum of \$220,946 to the Town's Reserve Fund for use during Fiscal Year 2014.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 15

VOTED: That the Town appropriate a sum not to exceed \$191,418 for the purchase of mowers and triplexes for the South Shore Country Club. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority upon such terms as the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen shall determine.

2/3rds Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 16

VOTED: That the Town appropriate a sum not to exceed \$1,200,000 for the purchase of two new pumper fire engines and new tools and equipment to outfit the pumpers for service. To meet said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under Massachusetts

General Laws, Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority upon such terms as the Town Treasurer and Board of Selectmen shall determine.

**2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

Article 17

VOTED: That the Town appropriate \$475,000 from available funds to be used by the Board of Selectmen for professional fees and costs, including, but not limited to, engineering services, financial services, valuation services, legal services, consulting services and administrative services to continue its investigation into the feasibility of acquisition of the corporate property, and all rights and privileges, including the assets of the Town's water company, now known as Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc. and/or affiliated related companies, including Aquarion Water Capital of Massachusetts, Inc., pursuant to St. 1879, c. 139, or through any other method of acquisition, including any negotiation or litigation, including the currently pending Suffolk Superior Court case, the Board of Selectmen may determine to be necessary or advisable in order to determine whether the acquisition is feasible and advisable for further Town Meeting consideration.

**A Majority Vote
Reconsideration Requested - 2/3 Majority Required, Motion Failed**

Article 18

VOTED: That the Town revoke its prior acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 48, § 42 and in its place accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 48, § 42A, effective July 1, 2015.

A Majority Vote

Article 19

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds a sum of \$40,000 for the use by the Foss Memorial Committee for the design, permitting and initial construction of:

- A Medal of Honor Memorial Park as designated by the Board of Selectmen;
- A memorial to Seaman Herbert L. Foss, USN; and/or
- Memorials to other Medal of Honor recipients,

such designs to be subject to a final review and approval by the Board of Selectmen.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 20

VOTED: That the Town amend Section 8 of Article 3 of the General By-laws, entitled "Procedure at Town Meetings," by striking Section 8, and substituting in its place the following Section 8:

SECTION 8 Except as otherwise required by law, all votes shall be taken in the first instance by voice vote or by electronic vote ("E-vote"), as determined by the moderator. In the event of a voice vote, if the moderator is in doubt as to the results or if seven (7) voters rise and express doubt as to the result declared by the moderator, a standing vote or an E-vote shall be taken, except that the vote shall be by ballot or by E-vote as the moderator shall determine if either the Advisory Committee or fifty (50) voters promptly call for a counted vote. On matters requiring a two-thirds vote, the moderator may declare two-thirds in favor by voice vote and a count need not be taken unless required in accordance with this Section.

A Majority Vote

Article 21

VOTED: That the Town transfer \$15,000 from available funds for the purpose of conducting an electronic voting pilot program at the 2015 Annual Town Meeting.

A Majority Vote

Meeting Adjourned 10:40 PM

**Second Session
April 29, 2013**

Registered Voters: 16,153
Attendance: 310
Reconvened: 7:09 PM

Article 22

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended as follows:

Item 1: By amending Section III-A to insert after subsection 4.25, a new subsection "4.26 Registered Marijuana Dispensary, subject to Special Condition 9 of Section III-B (except for agricultural uses governed by Section 2.1)." Such use shall be allowed by Special Permit A2 ("A2") in Office Park District and Industrial Park District and Prohibited ("O") in all other zoning districts.

Item 1A: By amending Section III-B by inserting at the end thereof a new subsection 9 as follows:

9. Registered Marijuana Dispensaries shall be allowed by Special Permit A2, subject to Section V-H, only for properties zoned Industrial Park or Office Park which are located in the South Hingham Development Overlay District.

Item 2: By deleting Section V-H (Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers) in its entirety and replacing therefor a new Section V-H

V-H Registered Marijuana Dispensaries

1. Purpose

a) To regulate the siting, security, and operation of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries, subject to the applicable provisions of Chapter 369 of the Acts of 2012, An Act for the Humanitarian Medical Use of Marijuana (the "Act") and the regulations at 105 CMR 725 et. seq. promulgated pursuant to the Act (collectively referred to in this Section V-H as "applicable law").

b) To minimize the adverse impacts of Registered Marijuana Dispensaries on adjacent properties, residential neighborhoods, schools and land uses potentially incompatible with Registered Marijuana Dispensaries.

2. Definitions

Registered Marijuana Dispensary ("RMD") (also known as Medical Marijuana Treatment Center) means a not-for-profit entity registered under 105 CMR 725.100, that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products, such as edible marijuana-infused products, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, related supplies, or educational materials to registered qualifying patients or their personal caregivers. Unless otherwise specified, RMD refers to the site(s) of dispensing, cultivation, and preparation of marijuana.

3. Exclusion of Other Marijuana Establishments.

Any establishment that acquires, cultivates, possesses, processes (including development of related products such as edible marijuana-infused products, tinctures, aerosols, oils, or ointments), transfers, transports, sells, distributes, dispenses, or administers marijuana, products containing marijuana, or related activities shall not be permitted if such establishment has not been properly registered and licensed in accordance with applicable law.

4. Exclusion of Accessory Uses.

In no event shall the acquisition, cultivation, possession, processing, transference, transportation, sale, distribution, dispensing, or administration of marijuana, products containing or derived from marijuana, or related products be considered accessory to any other use, provided, however, that this provision shall not prohibit hardship cultivation to the extent permitted under, and subject to, the provisions of applicable law.

5. Special Permit Requirements.

a) A special permit for a Registered Marijuana Dispensary shall be limited to the uses permitted by applicable law and shall not be combined with other uses permitted or allowed under the Zoning By-law; provided, however, that an RMD that is solely for the cultivation of marijuana and is protected under Chapter 40A, Section 3 shall not require a special permit but shall be subject to Section III-B, 8 of the By-law.

b). In addition to the application requirements set forth in this Section V-H, a special permit application for a Registered Marijuana Dispensary shall include the following:

- (i) the name and address of each owner of the RMD;
- (ii) copies of all required licenses and permits issued to the applicant by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and any of its agencies for the RMD;

(iii) trade name, logo and building signage which complies with applicable provisions of this By-law and applicable law;

(iv) evidence of the Applicant's right to use the site of the RMD for the RMD, such as a deed or lease;

(v) if the Applicant is a business organization, a statement under oath disclosing all of its owners, shareholders, partners, members, managers, directors, officers, or other similarly situated individuals and entities and their addresses. If any of the above are entities, rather than persons, the Applicant must disclose the identity of the owners of such entities until the disclosure contains the names of individuals; and

(vi) proposed security measures for the Registered Marijuana Dispensaries, including lighting, fencing, gates and alarms, etc., to ensure the safety of persons and to protect the premises from theft.

c) Mandatory Findings. The Board of Appeals shall not issue a special permit for a Registered Marijuana Dispensary unless it finds that:

(i) the applicant has satisfied all of the conditions and requirements of this Section V-H and any other applicable provisions of the Zoning By-law; and

(ii) the RMD demonstrates that it will meet the permitting requirements of all other applicable state and local authorities related to the use and operation of an RMD; and

(iii) the RMD is designed to minimize any adverse visual or economic impacts on abutters or the surrounding neighborhood.

6. General Requirements and Conditions.

a) In no event shall RMDs be considered to be, or permitted as, a retail, medical office, clinic, or consumer service establishment use, or any other use otherwise permitted under this Zoning By-law. RMDs shall not be permitted as part of a retail group or shopping center in the Industrial Park District. Use variances shall be strictly prohibited.

b) In addition to the dimensional requirements set forth in Section IV-A for the South Hingham Development Overlay District (or the underlying zoning districts therein), RMDs (or any part thereof) shall not be located within 500 feet of the boundary of any (i) Residence zoning district, (ii) school, or (iii) outdoor playground or athletic fields; except when such uses are separated by Derby Street, Whiting Street or Route 3.

c) The hours of operation shall be set by the Board of Appeals.

d) Special permits shall remain exclusively with the original applicant to whom it is issued, who shall be the owner or lessee of the land and/or building described in the application. The Special Permit shall automatically terminate on the date the applicant transfers or conveys (other than the granting of a mortgage to an institutional lender) its title or leasehold interest, as applicable, in the land or the building where the RMD is located. A special permit may be transferred only with the

approval of the Board of Appeals by major modification to the special permit with all information required in this Section V-H.

e) All sales or other distribution of products containing marijuana or marijuana-related products shall occur indoors. Except as permitted by applicable law, no smoking, burning or consumption of any product containing marijuana or marijuana-related products shall be permitted on the premises of an RMD.

f) RMDs shall provide the Hingham Police Department, Building Commissioner and the Board of Appeals with the names, phone numbers and e-mail addresses of all management staff and key holders to whom one can provide notice if there are operating problems associated with the RMD.

g) As a condition of its special permit, the holder shall (i) prior to the issuance of a certificate of occupancy, provide to the Board of Appeals a copy of all local permits required for operation of the RMD, and (ii) file an annual report to the Board of Appeals no later than January 31st, providing a copy of all current applicable local permits and state licenses for the RMD and its owners and demonstrating continued compliance with the conditions of the Special Permit.

h) Any special permit issued under this Section V-H shall lapse if not exercised within one year of issuance.

i) Immediately upon the earlier of the expiration, surrender or revocation of any state issued licenses or registration, or the ceasing of operations at the RMD, all plants, marijuana infused products or other marijuana products of any kind shall be destroyed or removed from the property.

2/3rds Vote Required

A Majority Vote

Article 23

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, as set forth above as follows:

Item 1. Amend Section IV-D.7.i by deleting the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:

It shall be a condition of the approval of a Definitive Plan that, prior to the issuance of a building permit for the site, the procedure for the sale or rental of the Low or Moderate Income Housing Dwelling Units shall be in conformance with regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for the inclusion of such units on Hingham's Subsidized Housing Inventory.

Item 2. Amend Section IV-E.5.e by deleting the first sentence thereof and substituting therefor the following:

It shall be a condition of the approval of a Special Permit that, prior to the issuance of a building permit for the site, the procedure for the sale or rental of the Low or Moderate Income Housing Dwelling Units shall be in conformance with regulations promulgated by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for the inclusion of such units on Hingham's Subsidized Housing Inventory.

**2/3rds Vote Required
A Majority Vote**

Article 24

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, to allow Body Art Establishments under Section III-A, subsection 4.21 of the Zoning By-law by Special Permit A2 in the Industrial Park District and prohibit such use in all other zoning districts.

**2/3rds Vote Required
Motion Lost**

Article 25

VOTED: That the Town amend the Zoning By-law of the Town of Hingham, adopted March 10, 1941, as heretofore amended, by amending the Zoning Map – Parts A (April 2, 1983) and C (November, 1986), as heretofore amended, to remove from Residence District D and include in Residence District A the following parcels: (a) 262 South Street – Assessor Map 70, Parcel 16; (b) 264 South Street – Assessor Map 70, Parcel 113; and (c) 266 South Street – Assessor Map 70, Parcel 114.

**2/3rds Vote Required
A Unanimous Vote**

Article 26

VOTED: That the Town appropriate the following sums of money for Community Preservation purposes as follows:

- 1) \$49,421 from the Community Preservation General Reserve for addition to the Community Preservation Committee's Administrative Fund;
- 2) \$175,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve to be used by Hingham Affordable Housing Trust for drafting and design services related to the Selectmen's Parcel development;
- 3) \$175,000 from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve to be used by Hingham Affordable Housing Trust for the HAHT Opportunity Funding Program;
- 4) \$35,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Hingham Historical Archives Task Force for implementing the Hingham Historical Collections Master Plan;
- 5) \$30,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Hingham Cemetery Corporation for historic preservation and restoration of the Ames Chapel located on Map 61/Lot 40 in the Hingham Cemetery;
- 6) \$10,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by Second Parish Church Association for historic preservation and development of plans for the Second Parish Handicapped Access project;
- 7) \$98,049 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Hingham Girl Scouts for historic preservation and restoration of the Girl Scout House located on Map 80/Lot 89 at 26 Burr Road;
- 8) \$150,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by Old Colony Building Association to replace the existing leaking roof with a slate roof both to restore the original historic appearance of the Old Colony Lodge and to preserve the building located at 85 Central Street;
- 9) \$38,500 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve for deposit to the Town's Conservation Fund for purchase of land, conservation restrictions for prior CPC land acquisitions, capital improvements and expenses related to such acquisitions, to make deposits or down payments toward acquisitions or creation of such interest in open space or otherwise preserve open space;

10) \$50,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve to be used by the Community Planning Department for a Comprehensive Trails Plan;

11) \$38,213 from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve and \$6,287 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Hingham Conservation Commission to purchase the land and interests totaling 6.31 acres from Boy Scout Troop 4 located in Liberty Pole neighborhood, at Map 167.0, Lot 49; and that the Town authorize the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to grant a conservation restriction on such parcel that meets the requirements of MGL Chapter 184, Sections 31 to 33, inclusive, as required under Section 12 of the Community Preservation Act (MGL Chapter 44B);

12) \$40,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to complete funding for construction of the Whitney Wharf Bridge;

13) \$100,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Trustees of the Bathing Beach for the Bathing Beach Stabilization Project; and

14) \$250,000 from the Community Preservation General Reserve to be used by the Recreation Commission for infrastructure improvements to the Historic Cordage Factory Head House (a.k.a. the Barn).

A Unanimous Vote

Article 27

VOTED: That the Town accept Chapter 200A, Section 9A of the Massachusetts General Laws which provides for the disposition of abandoned funds back into the Town's General Fund upon the required notice to the person entitled to said funds and upon expiration of the deadline for claiming said funds, all in accordance with the statutory procedures contained in Section 9A of Chapter 200A of the Massachusetts General Laws.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 28

VOTED: That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to extend the term of the inter-municipal agreement for regional cooperation in the provision of solid waste and recycling services for the South Shore Recycling Cooperative for an additional term through June 30, 2018 and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute and deliver an amended inter-municipal agreement, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk, to effect the extension of the term and other changes set forth therein.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 29

VOTED: That the Town approve the establishment of a new General By-law to be known as "Article 42: Noise Control By-law" as described below:

SECTION 1: SHORT TITLE

This By-law may be cited as the Hingham Noise Control By-law.

SECTION 2: DECLARATIONS OF FINDINGS AND POLICY

WHEREAS excessive sound poses a serious hazard to the public health, welfare, safety and quality of life, and WHEREAS the residents of the Town of Hingham have a right to, and should be ensured, an environment free of excessive Sound that may jeopardize their health, welfare or safety, or degrade their quality of life; NOW THEREFORE, it is the policy of the Town of Hingham to prevent excessive Sound which may jeopardize the health, welfare or safety of its residents, or adversely impact their quality of life. This By-law shall apply to the control of all Sound originating within the geographical limits of the Town of Hingham.

SECTION 3: DEFINITIONS

(a) All terminology used in this By-law, but not defined below, shall be used with the meanings ascribed to such terms in the applicable standards of the American National Standards Institute ("ANSI") or its successor bodies.

(b) "Construction" means any site preparation, assembly, erection, substantial repair, alteration or similar action, but excluding Demolition

for, or of, public or private rights-of-way, structures, utilities, or similar property.

(c) "Demolition" means any dismantling, intentional destruction of, or removal of, structures, utilities, public or private rights-of-way surfaces or similar property.

(d) "Emergency Work" means any work performed for the purpose of preventing or alleviating the physical harm to Persons or property, which requires immediate action.

(e) "Enforcement Official" means a Town official having authority to enforce this By-law as provided in Section 4 below.

(f) "Legal Holiday" means any day designated as a legal holiday under federal or Massachusetts state law.

(g) "Noise Disturbance" means any Sound which: (a) may disturb or annoy reasonable Persons of normal sensitivities; (b) causes, or tends to cause, an adverse effect on the public health and welfare; (c) endangers or injures Persons; or (d) endangers or injures real or personal property.

(h) "Person" means any individual, association, partnership, joint venture, corporation or other form of legal entity.

(i) "Plainly Audible Sound" means any Sound as to which the information content is unambiguously communicated to the listener including, without limitation, understandable speech, comprehension of whether a voice is raised or normal, repetitive bass Sounds, or comprehension of musical rhythms, without the aid of any listening device.

(j) "Power Tool" means any device powered mechanically, by electricity, by gasoline, by diesel or any other fuel, which is intended to be used, or is actually used, for functions including, without limitation, cutting, nailing, stapling, sawing, vacuuming or drilling.

(k) "Public Right-of-Way" means any highway, boulevard, street, avenue, lane, sidewalk, alley or similar place, which is owned or controlled by a government entity.

(l) "Public Property" means any real property, including structures thereon, which are owned or controlled by a government entity.

(m) "Residential District" means any area designated as a Residential District in the Town of Hingham Zoning By-law.

(n) "Sound" means a temporal and spatial oscillation in pressure, or other physical quantity, in a medium resulting in compression and rarefaction of that medium, and which propagates at finite speed to distant locations.

(o) "Weekday" means any day from Monday through Friday that is not a Legal Holiday.

SECTION 4: ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE

(a) Enforcement Officials. This By-law shall be enforced by the Chief of Police, the Executive Health Officer, the Building Commissioner and their authorized designees. For all purposes other than the granting of permits under this By-law, designees of the Chief of Police shall include any Hingham Police Officer.

(b) Penalties for Violation. Violations of this By-law shall be punishable by fine in accordance with the following schedule:

Offense	Fine
First	\$100
Second	\$200
Third and Subsequent	\$300

Violations resulting from Sound emanating from a particular parcel of property will be assessed against the Person controlling said property at the time of the violation, regardless of said Person's legal status as owner, lessor, lessee, tenant-at-will, licensee or otherwise. Nothing contained in this subsection shall prohibit an Enforcement Official from giving a warning in lieu of a fine if, in the Official's discretion, a warning is appropriate under the circumstances.

(c) Non-Criminal Disposition. In assessing fines for violations of this By-law, the Enforcement Official shall follow the procedure set forth in M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D.

SECTION 5: DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TOWN BOARDS AND OFFICIALS

(a) Town Programs and Activities. All Town departments, boards and officials shall carry out their programs and activities in a manner reasonably consistent with this By-law.

(b) Cooperation of Town Boards and Officials. All Town departments, boards and officials shall cooperate with the Enforcement Officials in enforcing the provisions of this By-law.

(c) Project Review and Approval. All Town departments, boards and officials having responsibility for the review and approval of new projects or activities, or changes to existing projects, that result, or may result, in the production of Sound shall, to the extent reasonably feasible under the circumstances, require compliance with the provisions of this By-law as a condition of approval. This By-law is not intended to require any Town department, board or official to apply a more restrictive standard for the approval of any project or activity, or change to any existing projects, than has been applied prior to the By-law's adoption.

SECTION 6: NOISE DISTURBANCE PROHIBITED

(a) No Person shall make, continue, or cause to be made or continued, any Noise Disturbance. Unamplified, non-commercial public speaking and public assembly activities conducted at conversational voice levels on any Public Property or Public Right-of-Way shall be exempt from the operation of this Section if such Sound is not Plainly Audible beyond 100 feet or does not infringe the legitimate rights of others.

(b) The facts required to establish a Noise Disturbance shall be identical to those required to establish a disturbance of peace under the common law (and punishable under M.G.L. c. 272, § 53). Violations of this By-law need only be proven by a preponderance of the evidence.

SECTION 7: SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

(a) Specific Activities Prohibited. Notwithstanding any other provision of this By-law, a Person engaging in any of the activities specified in subsections (b) through (d) of this Section 7 at any time other than that permitted for such activity in the applicable subsection shall be in violation of this By-law.

(b) Construction, Demolition and Commercial Landscaping Activity. No Person shall operate or permit the operation of any tools or equipment used in Construction, Demolition or commercial landscaping work in a

Residential District between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 6:59 a.m. the following day on Weekdays or between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:59 a.m. the following day on any other day.

(c) Domestic Power Tools. No Person shall operate, or permit the operation of, any Power Tool or any garden tool, leaf blower or similar device powered mechanically, by electricity, by gasoline, by diesel or other fuel, outdoors in a Residential District between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:59 a.m. the following day.

(d) Dumpsters and Trash Receptacles. No Person shall empty dumpsters or similar trash receptacles between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 6:59 a.m. the following day on Weekdays or between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:59 a.m. the following day on any other day.

(e) Engine Braking Devices. No Person shall operate any motor vehicle with an engine braking device engaged within the Town limits unless required for safety. This provision shall not apply to motor vehicles traveling on Route 3.

SECTION 8: EXEMPTIONS AND PERMITS

(a) Exemptions. The following uses and activities shall be exempt from the provisions of this By-law:

(1) Any law enforcement motor vehicle in the performance of law enforcement duties.

(2) Any fire apparatus, ambulance, rescue, public works or emergency response vehicle creating Sound in the performance of public safety responsibilities.

(3) Any vehicle in the performance of Emergency Work.

(4) Public address systems used at public events in a manner approved by any Town board, department or official having authority over said use.

(5) Safety signals, warning devices, emergency pressure relief valves and similar devices during and in relation to public emergencies.

(6) Any activity (i) for which a permit under subsection (b) of this section exempting said activity from the provisions of this By-law has been granted by an Enforcement Official, (ii) which is the subject of a decision of any Town Board having authority over said activity including,

without limitation, decisions of the Planning Board permitting certain activity at the Hingham Shipyard development and the Derby Street Shoppes or (iii) that is allowed by a Town board, department or official having authority over said activity including, without limitation, activity permitted subject to noise and/or use restrictions.

(7) Parades, music festivals, public gatherings, and events for which the Chief of Police has granted a permit.

(8) Bells, chimes or carillons, or their amplified, recorded, or other electronic substitution while being used in conjunction with religious services or to denote time intervals between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

(9) Snow removal from public or private parking lots, roads, driveways, sidewalks and other surfaces traveled by vehicles or pedestrians.

(10) Activities of temporary duration during a time of emergency conducted by a public utility company to repair or maintain public utility infrastructure.

(11) Construction activity under a valid permit issued by the Chief of Police under section 7 or 15 of Chapter 136 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or by any Town board, department or official having regulatory authority over Construction activity.

(12) Any vehicle utilizing an amplified communications system operated by a highway maintenance, water department, or public utilities worker acting in the performance of his or her responsibilities.

(13) The operation of modes of public transportation including, without limitation, buses, trains and commuter boats.

(14) Any activity to the extent the regulation thereof has been preempted by state or federal laws or regulations.

(b) Permits. Any Enforcement Official, for good cause shown, and with appropriate conditions so as to reasonably minimize any adverse impact on the public, may grant a permit allowing activity that would otherwise violate this By-law.

SECTION 9: APPEAL

Appeal of any citation for a violation of this By-law shall be made to the District Court or other court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. c. 40, § 21D.

SECTION 10: SEVERABILITY

If any of the provisions of this By-law are held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

A Majority Vote

Article 30

VOTED: That the Town approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of land included in what is commonly known as the South Shore Park including properties located at 0 Abington St (Map 212, Lot 13); 73 Abington St (Map 211, Lot 001); 0 Commerce Road (Map 207, Lot 21); 130 Industrial Park Road (Map 207, Lot 20); 0 Abington Street (Map 208, Lot 9); 15 Technology Place (Map 213, Lot 15); 0 Rt. 3 (Map 208, Lot 67); 100 Industrial Park Rd (Map 207, Lot 3); 0 Derby St (Map 200, Lot 1); and 55 Research Rd (Map 207, Lot 10) as Priority Development Sites under Chapter 43D of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 205 of the Acts of 2006.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 31

VOTED: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary and in accordance with Article LXXXIX, Article II, Section 8 (M.G.L.A. Const. Amend. Art. 2, Section 8) of the Articles of Amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth, that the Town of Hingham authorize, but not require, its Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court of Massachusetts for a special act to allow the Town of Hingham School Committee to establish a reserve fund to be utilized in the current or upcoming fiscal year or years by the Town of Hingham School Committee to pay, without further appropriation, for unanticipated, unbudgeted and/or extraordinary costs of special education out-of-

district tuitions and/or transportation. Further, that the Town of Hingham School Committee may appropriate or transfer in the current or upcoming fiscal year or years from the school department budget in order to fund said reserve fund. Further, that the Board of Selectmen may appropriate or transfer in the current or upcoming fiscal year or years from the town budget in order to fund said reserve fund. Said appropriations or transfers shall be in addition to any appropriation or transfers which may be approved by Town Meeting from time to time to said reserve fund. In any event, the balance in said reserve fund shall not exceed 2% of annual net school spending as defined in Chapter 70 of the Massachusetts General Laws for the prior fiscal year.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 32

VOTED: That the Town (1) authorize, but not require, the Board of Selectmen to acquire from 302-304 Whiting Street Limited Partnership (or the current record owner), by gift or by eminent domain, for nominal consideration, a certain parcel of land on Whiting Street containing approximately 41,287 square feet and more particularly shown as the "Public Safety Lot, Lots C & E (Combined)" on a plan entitled "410 Whiting Street Plan of Land in Hingham, Mass.", dated November 8, 2008, prepared by James Engineering, Inc. and recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 55, Page 211, for any municipal purpose and on such terms and conditions and subject to such restrictions on use, that the Board of Selectmen may deem in the best interest of the Town, and (2) authorize, subject to a determination by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with applicable law that the parcel is no longer needed by the Board of Selectmen for the purpose so acquired, the transfer of care, custody, management and control of said parcel to the Hingham Affordable Housing Trust for the purpose of leasing or selling the parcel and the home thereon as an affordable housing unit which shall be deed-restricted for such use in perpetuity.

2/3rds Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 33

VOTED: That the Town amend the General By-laws of the Town of Hingham adopted March 13, 1939, as heretofore amended, at Article 30, "RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF CONSERVATION

LAND IN HINGHAM", Section 3, and at Article 10, "PUBLIC WAYS – COMMON LANDS", Section 9, as follows:

1. Article 30, "RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING USE OF CONSERVATION LAND IN HINGHAM", Section 3, shall be amended in its entirety by replacing the current language thereof with the following language:

SECTION 3:

(1) No hunting is allowed on any lands under the management, custody or control of the Town of Hingham Conservation Commission (hereinafter "Commission") other than as may be authorized by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of subsection (2) of this Section 3.

(2) (a) Otherwise lawful hunting of deer and fowl by use and shooting of bow and arrows may be conducted on those designated portions of any lands under the management, custody or control of the Commission only as authorized by written permit issued by the Commission in accordance with the provisions of this Section 3.

(2) (b) Such authorization and permits, if any, as provided for in subsection 2(a) hereof shall be granted by the Commission pursuant to a written policy or regulations developed, adopted, promulgated and implemented by the Commission to (i) comply with the Commission's legal obligations, (ii) manage the needs of the hunting community and the non-hunting community, and the resources involved with the activity, and (iii) comply with provisions of state and federal laws and regulations applicable to such hunting.

(2) (c) The Commission shall (i) develop and adopt said written policy or regulations as provided for under subsection 2(b) hereof through a public hearing process, (ii) promulgate and implement the initial written policy or regulations no later than October 1, 2014.

(2) (d) A mandatory provision of any such policy or regulations under subsection (2) (c) hereof shall require that any such authorization and permits can only be issued upon written application by each individual seeking such authorization and permit, which application shall require such information as the Commission deems reasonable to (i) comply with the Commission's legal obligations, (ii) manage the needs of the hunting and non-hunting community, and the resources involved with the activity, and (iii) comply with provisions of state and federal laws and regulations applicable to such hunting. The Commission may, as a condition precedent to the issuance of any such authorization and

permit, and with approval of the Selectmen of the Town of Hingham, charge to and require payment of a uniform fee by all such applicants for the purpose of defraying the administrative cost of the Commission incurred in processing such applications and administering this Section 3; and may as a further condition precedent thereof require a written release of liability and/or indemnification from the applicant to the extent allowed by law.

2. Article 10, PUBLIC WAYS – COMMON LANDS”, Section 9, first sentence, shall be amended to add the following language to the end thereof:

; provided, there is excepted from the scope and effect of the preceding language the shooting and use of bow and arrows for the exclusive purpose of otherwise lawful hunting of deer and fowl as may be allowed by written authorization and permit on designated portions of any lands under the management, custody or control of the Town of Hingham Conservation Commission in conformity with the provisions of Article 30, Section 3, of the Town of Hingham By-laws, as amended from time to time.

A Majority Vote

Article 34

VOTED: That the Town authorize, but not require, for a period through April 30, 2015, the Board of Selectmen to accept grants of easements for purposes of streets, sidewalks, pedestrian walkways, water, drainage, sewage, or utility facilities on terms and conditions the Board deems in the best interests of the Town.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 35

VOTED: That the Town transfer from available funds a sum of \$10,898.68 for an unpaid bill of a previous year.

4/5ths Vote Required

A Unanimous Vote

Article 36

VOTED: That the Town transfers \$87,059 from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund: Insurance Recovery in Excess of \$20,000 for use as follows:

- \$28,000 for use by the School Department for repair of the Foster School boiler;
- \$1,800 for use by the School Department for inspection of the Hingham Middle School roof;
- \$36,934 for use by the Country Club Management Committee for repair of damage due to sprinkler breaks; and
- \$20,325 for use by the Department of Public Works for purchase of a replacement vehicle.

A Unanimous Vote

Article 37

VOTED: That the Town (a) consent to the taking or use as a public way of those portions of Bare Cove Park Drive located within the boundaries of the park known as Bare Cove Park, as shown on a plan entitled "Town of Hingham, Bare Cove Park Drive, Hingham, MA, 02043, Roadway Acceptance Plan," prepared by CHA Consulting, Inc., dated February 5, 2014 and endorsed on March 14, 2014 (the "Layout Plan"), and (b) accept as a public way the layout of Bare Cove Park Drive, as laid out by the Board of Selectmen and shown on the Layout Plan which, together with the boundaries and measurements of the way, is on file in the Town Clerk's office and is incorporated herein by reference.

2/3rds Vote Required

A Majority Vote

Meeting Adjourned 9:46 PM

2015 Cash Appropriations

ARTICLE 6	
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
122 SELECTMEN	
Payroll	441,017
Expenses	33,290
Capital Outlay	50,000
132 RESERVE FUND	550,000
135 TOWN ACCOUNTANT	
Payroll	367,487
Expenses	12,555
Capital Outlay	131,198
Audit	55,000
Information Technology	211,543
141 ASSESSORS	
Payroll	212,192
Expenses	11,587
Consulting	114,800
Map Maintenance	6,000
145 TREASURER/COLLECTOR	
Payroll	315,832
Expenses	44,308
Capital Outlay	0
Tax Titles	10,000
151 LEGAL SERVICES	232,000
159 TOWN MEETINGS	
Payroll	2,692
Expenses	28,300
161 TOWN CLERK	
Payroll	165,723
Expenses	7,866

162 ELECTIONS	
Payroll	16,350
Expenses	18,645
173 COMMUNITY PLANNING	
Payroll	646,311
Expenses	57,857
177 BARE COVE PARK	
Payroll	16,558
Expenses	7,833
192 TOWN HALL	
Payroll	212,412
Expenses	384,087
Capital Outlay	161,750
193 GRAND ARMY MEMORIAL HALL	12,589
Capital Outlay	<u>65,000</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u><u>4,602,782</u></u>
PUBLIC SAFETY	
210 POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$384,812)	4,701,547
Expenses	330,900
Capital Outlay (\$286,922 from available reserves)	333,000
220 FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Payroll (Overtime \$400,000)	4,429,231
Expenses	387,200
Capital Outlay	90,500
230 DISPATCH SERVICES	
Expenses	750,000
292 ANIMAL CONTROL	
Payroll	51,202
Expenses	3,700

295 HARBORMASTER	
Payroll	132,624
Expenses	50,650
299 PUBLIC SAFETY UTILITIES	
Emergency Water	364,424
Street Lighting	<u>183,274</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>11,808,252</u>
EDUCATION	
300 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	
Payroll	35,924,118
Expenses	7,566,604
Capital Outlay	<u>648,674</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION	<u><u>44,139,396</u></u>
PUBLIC WORKS AND FACILITIES	
405 PROJECT ENGINEERING	
Payroll	231,822
Expenses	31,900
Capital Outlay	112,000
Road Building/Construction	300,000
420 HIGHWAY/RECREATION/TREE & PARK	
Payroll (Overtime \$44,412)	1,855,504
Expenses	413,340
Capital Outlay	466,800
Snow Removal	504,325
Road Maintenance	288,246
430 LANDFILL/RECYCLING	
Payroll (Overtime \$22,295)	460,823
Expenses	858,145
Capital Outlay	85,000

440 SEWER COMMISSION	
Payroll (Overtime \$22,143)	293,475
Expenses	248,585
Capital Outlay	164,500
Engineering	10,000
MWRA Charges	1,631,764
Hull Intermunicipal Agreement	126,839

The sum of \$2,475,163 shall be funded from
Sewer revenue.

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	<u>8,083,068</u>
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HUMAN SERVICES

510 HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Payroll	296,870
Expenses	22,735

541 ELDER SERVICES

Payroll	198,625
Expenses	21,983
Capital Outlay	0
Tax Work Off Program	60,000

543 VETERANS' SERVICES

Payroll	83,474
Expenses	4,437
Benefits	376,919

545 WOMANSPLACE CRISIS CENTER	2,500
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546 SOUTH SHORE WOMEN'S CENTER	<u>3,500</u>
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TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	<u>1,071,043</u>
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CULTURE AND RECREATION

610 LIBRARY

Payroll	1,225,880
Expenses	280,192

Capital Outlay	143,000
630 RECREATION COMMISSION	
Payroll	84,337
650 TRUSTEES OF BATHING BEACH	
Payroll	17,035
Expenses	5,825
Capital Outlay	0
692 CELEBRATIONS	<u>11,063</u>
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	<u><u>1,767,332</u></u>
ENTERPRISE FUND	
720 COUNTRY CLUB	<u>2,181,127</u>
The total sum of \$2,181,127 shall be funded from Country Club revenue.	<u> </u>
TOTAL ENTERPRISE FUND	<u><u>2,181,127</u></u>
DEBT SERVICE	
710 DEBT SERVICE	<u>9,500,765</u>
(\$4,705,700 IS EXCLUDED FROM PROPOSITION 2 1/2)	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	<u><u>9,500,765</u></u>
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	
900 CONTRIBUTORY GROUP INSURANCE	6,305,485
900 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS	1,090,196
910 CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT	3,845,487
912 WORKERS' COMPENSATION	250,000
913 UNEMPLOYMENT	30,000
914 EMPLOYER MEDICARE TAXES	<u>714,420</u>

TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	<u>12,235,588</u>
UNCLASSIFIED	
901 INSURANCE	
Fire, Public Liability, Property Damage,etc.	500,000
940 CLAIMS AND INCIDENTALS	
Claims and Incidentals	10,950
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TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED	<u>510,950</u>
TOTAL ARTICLE 6	95,900,303
Article 7	
From Stabilization to reduce 2015 Tax Rate	176,629
Article 9	
2013 Article 13 (reduce FY2015 tax rate)	620,513
reallocate to Meals Tax Stabilization Fund	
Article 10	
From Meals Tax Stabilization to reduce 2015 Tax Rate	450,000
Article 26	
CPC	
General Reserve - Administrative Fund	49,421
Housing Reserve-Drafting & Design Selectmen's Parcel	175,000
Housing Reserve-HAHT Affordable Housing Trust	175,000
General Reserve-Historical Collections Master Plan	35,000
General Reserve -Ames Chapel restoration	30,000
General Reserve - Second Parish Church Handicap Access	10,000
General Reserve - Girl Scout House Restoration	98,049
General Reserve - Old Colony Lodge Preserve Building	150,000
Open Space Reserve-Deposit to Conservation Fund	38,500
Open Space Reserve-Comprehensive Trails Plan	50,000
Open Space Reserve-Land/Liberty Pole for Boy Scouts	38,213
General Reserve -Land/ Liberty Pole for Boy Scouts	6,287
General Reserve - Complete Whitney Wharf Bridge	40,000
General Reserve - Bathing Beach Stabilization Project	100,000
General Reserve - Cordage Head House Improvements	250,000

Article 14	
From Free Cash to FY14 Reserve Fund	220,946
Article 15	
SSCC Triplexes	191,418
Article 16	
Two Fire engines	1,200,000
Article 17	
Water Study	475,000
Article 19	
Herbert Foss Memorial	40,000
Article 21	
Electronic Voting	15,000
Article 35	
Prior year invoice	10,899
Article 36	
Insurance recovery > \$20,000	<u>87,059</u>
	<u>100,633,237</u>

Annual Town Election, May 3, 2014

Moderator

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	69	66	94	101	50	57	143	580
Michael J. Puzo	288	341	444	425	290	185	405	2378
Write-Ins	3	5	4	1	1	1	3	18
Total	360	412	542	527	341	243	551	2976

Selectman

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Blanks	5	2	5	5	2	5	2	26
Jonathan R. Asher	176	183	308	301	162	159	171	1460
Paul J. Gannon	179	227	228	221	177	79	378	1489
Write-Ins	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total	360	412	542	527	341	243	551	2976

Board of Assessors

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	106	113	169	159	75	74	176	872
Stuart "Greg" Hall	254	295	371	366	265	169	373	2093
Write-Ins	0	4	2	2	1	0	2	11
Total	360	412	542	527	341	243	551	2976

Board of Health

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	103	100	176	144	72	76	170	841
Stephan White	257	308	363	382	269	167	379	2125
Write-Ins	0	4	3	1	0	0	2	10
Total	360	412	542	527	341	243	551	2976

Municipal Light Board

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	101	117	180	165	84	74	174	895
John P. Ryan	259	292	360	362	257	169	377	2076
Write-ins	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	5
Total	360	412	542	527	341	243	551	2976

Housing Authority

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	123	129	218	193	94	81	195	1033
Robert D. Keyes	234	280	320	329	246	162	356	1927
Write-Ins	3	3	4	5	1	0	0	16
Total	360	412	542	527	341	243	551	2976

School Committee (Two Positions)

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	267	294	417	419	233	175	403	2208
Carol Falvey	265	293	365	356	256	180	385	2100
Edward Schreier	184	235	296	274	189	130	311	1619
Write-Ins	4	2	6	5	4	1	3	25
			108	105			110	
Total	720	824	4	4	682	486	2	5952

Planning

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	113	108	184	162	82	71	170	890
Walter Sullivan	247	299	355	364	259	172	380	2076
Write-Ins	0	5	3	1	0	0	1	10
Total	360	412	542	527	341	243	551	2976

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DEMOCRATIC BALLOT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Edward J. Markey	213	250	234	196	140	308	204	1545
Blanks	94	92	104	88	69	86	134	667
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

GOVERNOR

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Donald M. Berwick	86	91	95	77	32	57	67	505
Martha Coakley	109	112	113	97	78	173	120	802
Steven Grossman	111	138	125	107	96	162	148	887
Blanks	1	1	5	3	3	2	3	18
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Leland Cheung	97	98	78	91	51	107	69	591
Stephen J. Kerrigan	102	120	104	73	79	161	116	755
Michael E. Lake	48	45	54	39	31	44	58	319
Blanks	60	79	102	81	48	82	95	547
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

ATTORNEY GENERAL

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Maura Healey	191	194	169	150	113	252	160	1229
Warren E. Tolman	106	134	154	127	89	124	168	902

Blanks	10	14	15	7	7	18	10	81
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

SECRETARY OF STATE

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
William Francis Galvin	236	264	238	206	159	318	239	1660
Blanks	71	78	100	78	50	76	99	552
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

TREASURER

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Thomas P. Conroy	72	94	83	61	47	90	82	529
Barry R. Finegold	84	73	77	77	60	106	88	565
Deborah B. Goldberg	110	126	122	93	86	161	120	818
Blanks	41	49	56	53	16	37	48	300
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

AUDITOR

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Suzanne M. Bump	215	220	204	179	144	282	200	1444
Blanks	92	122	134	105	65	112	138	768
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Stephen F. Lynch	223	261	224	201	165	293	239	1606
Blanks	84	81	114	83	44	101	99	606
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

COUNCILLOR

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Christopher A. Iannella, Jr.	201	218	199	171	140	261	203	1393
Blanks	106	124	139	113	69	133	135	819
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Garrett J. Bradley	233		257	218	162	279	248	1397
Blanks	74		81	66	47	115	90	473
Write-Ins	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	0	338	284	209	394	338	1870

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Precinct 2 Only)

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
James M. Murphy		226						226
Blanks		116						116
Write-Ins		0						0
Total	0	342	0	0	0	0	0	342

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

REGISTER OF PROBATE

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Mark E. Linde	50	59	56	35	32	73	48	353
Matthew McDonough	169	205	162	148	130	184	192	1190

Blanks	88	78	120	101	47	137	98	669
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

COUNTY TREASURER

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Thomas J. O'Brien	187	223	188	163	139	262	194	1356
Blanks	120	119	150	121	70	132	144	856
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Scott M. Vecchi	179	204	176	150	134	246	187	1276
Blanks	128	138	162	134	75	148	151	936
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	307	342	338	284	209	394	338	2212

REPUBLICAN BALLOT

SENATOR IN CONGRESS

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Brian J. Herr	73	89	86	111	81	117	112	669
Blanks	23	27	45	24	30	33	30	212
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

GOVERNOR

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Charles D. Baker	76	90	101	116	89	126	110	708
Mark R. Fisher	20	26	29	19	21	23	32	170
Blanks	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Karyn E. Polito	80	97	101	114	91	126	123	732
Blanks	16	19	30	21	20	24	19	149
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

ATTORNEY GENERAL

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
John B. Miller	78	88	90	111	91	124	115	697
Blanks	18	28	41	24	20	26	27	184
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

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	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
David D'Arangelo	72	85	89	109	87	119	113	674
Blanks	24	31	42	26	24	31	29	207
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

TREASURER

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Michael James Heffernan	74	81	89	107	86	119	115	671
Blanks	22	35	42	28	25	31	27	210
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

AUDITOR

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Patricia S. Saint Aubin	74	74	86	102	85	114	110	645
Blanks	22	42	45	33	26	36	32	236
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	96	116	131	136	111	150	142	882
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	136	111	150	142	882

COUNCILLOR

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Robert L. Hedlund	87	102	111	117	90	131	121	759
Blanks	9	14	20	18	21	19	21	122
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	96		131	136	111	150	142	766
Write-Ins	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96		131	136	111	150	142	766

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (Precinct 2 only)

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Andrea E. Farretta		80						80
Blanks		36						36
Write-Ins		0						0
Total	0	116	0	0	0	0	0	116

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Timothy J. Cruz	78	91	96	115	89	122	109	700
Blanks	18	25	35	20	22	28	33	181
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

REGISTER OF PROBATE

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
R. Andrew Burbine	31	44	49	49	32	60	47	312
Anthony T.O'Brien, Sr.	40	34	35	46	37	37	52	281
Joseph M. Truschelli	10	15	16	12	16	26	20	115
Blanks	15	23	31	28	26	27	23	173
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

COUNTY TREASURER

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Blanks	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Sandra M. Wright	72	71	85	103	84	113	104	632
Blanks	24	45	46	32	27	37	38	249
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	96	116	131	135	111	150	142	881

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SENATOR IN CONGRESS

	PR1	PR2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
Edward Markey	803	858	826	802	557	576	806	5228
Brian J. Herr	692	744	760	845	607	302	835	4785
Blanks	68	67	82	65	43	34	66	425
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

	PR1	PR2	PR3	PR4	PR5	PR 5A	PR6	TOTAL
Baker & Polito	916	995	986	1131	784	403	1080	6295
Coakley & Kerrigan	576	616	598	515	381	473	553	3712
Falchuck & Jennings	38	32	51	38	26	17	43	245
Lively & Saunders	8	10	12	1	9	5	4	49
Mccormick & Post	11	6	17	15	1	5	14	69
Blanks	14	10	4	12	6	9	13	68
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

ATTORNEY GENERAL

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Maura Healey	819	879	855	808	560	559	820	5300
John B. Miller	688	729	735	830	597	313	823	4715
Blanks	56	61	78	74	50	40	64	423
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

SECRETARY OF STATE

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
William F. Galvin	968	1016	989	992	702	632	1025	6324
David D'arcangelo	503	550	548	604	431	228	582	3446
Daniel L. Factor	34	31	43	34	21	15	32	210
Blanks	58	72	88	82	53	37	68	458
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

TREASURER

	PR 1	PR2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR6	TOTAL
Deborah Goldberg	665	700	689	634	461	514	659	4322
Michael J Heffernan	746	817	815	916	659	338	900	5191
Ian T. Jackson	49	41	47	34	25	15	42	253
Blanks	103	111	117	128	62	45	106	672
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

AUDITOR

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Suzanne M. Bump	727	761	736	721	497	545	760	4747
Patricia Stain Aubin	656	733	739	798	587	282	763	4558
Mk Merelice	46	37	45	39	31	15	43	256
Blanks	134	138	148	154	92	70	141	877
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Stephen F. Lynch	1148	1203	1166	1196	849	671	1247	7480
Blanks	415	466	502	516	358	241	460	2958
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

COUNCILLOR

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Christopher Iannella, Jr.	795	850	794	796	573	511	851	5170
Jason M. Crosby	403	436	432	493	373	193	502	2832
Joe Ereneck	75	72	73	61	38	14	66	399
Blanks	290	311	369	362	223	194	288	2037
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT

	PR 1	PR 2	PR3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Robert L. Hedlund	1284	1331	1304	1402	973	619	1372	8285
Blanks	279	338	364	310	234	293	335	2153
Write-ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (PCT 1, 3-6)

	PR 1	PR2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Garrett Bradley	1178		1229	1291	853	642	1273	6466
Blanks	385		439	421	354	270	434	2303
Write-ins	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	0	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	8769

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT (PCT. 2)

	PR1	PR2	PR 3	PR4	PR5	PR5A	PR6	TOTAL
James M. Murphy		796						796
Andrea E. Farretta		735						735
Blanks		138						138
Write-Ins		0						0
Total	0	1669	0	0	0	0	0	1669

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Timothy J. Cruz	1163	1259	1203	1304	937	561	1302	7729
Blanks	400	410	465	408	270	351	405	2709
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

REGISTER OF PROBATE

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Matthew J. Mcdonough	710	749	715	700	501	478	744	4597
Anthony T. O'brien, Sr.	656	722	701	788	577	328	790	4562
Blanks	197	198	252	224	129	106	173	1279
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

COUNTY TREASURER

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Thomas J. O'brien	1028	1079	1013	1067	764	617	1090	6658
Blanks	535	590	655	645	443	295	617	3780
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

COUNTY COMMISSIONER

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
Sandra M. Wright	799	875	837	957	703	390	973	5534
Scott M. Vecchi	541	548	520	472	336	398	501	3316
Blanks	223	246	311	283	168	124	233	1588
Write-Ins	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

QUESTION 1 Gasoline Tax

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
YES	811	909	878	930	631	300	939	5398
NO	688	696	721	711	522	530	694	4562
Blanks	64	64	69	71	54	82	74	478
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

QUESTION 2 Beverage container deposits

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
YES	503	489	603	496	342	294	437	3164
NO	1036	1153	1043	1191	850	560	1249	7082
Blanks	24	27	22	25	15	58	21	192
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

QUESTION 3 Gambling

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR5A	PR 6	TOTAL
YES	760	803	892	881	606	465	767	5174
NO	768	826	742	798	586	380	909	5009
Blanks	35	40	34	33	15	67	31	255
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

QUESTION 4 Sick time

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
YES	782	860	870	817	568	518	823	5238
NO	730	746	746	849	607	311	822	4811
Blanks	51	63	52	46	32	83	62	389
Total	1563	1669	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	10438

QUESTION 5 - NON BINDING – Electric Utilities metering

	PR 1	PR 2	PR 3	PR 4	PR 5	PR 5A	PR 6	TOTAL
YES	891	0	928	922	645	427	912	4725
NO	360	0	373	428	324	171	436	2092
Blanks	312	0	367	362	238	314	359	1952
Total	1563	0	1668	1712	1207	912	1707	8769

	PR 2
Yes	968
No	424
Blanks	277
Total	1669
Non Binding – Abortion Clinics License	

Vital Statistics

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Births	198	221	205	216	201
Marriages	80	74	73	80	85
Deaths	286	335	275	281	402

*Received as of preparation of report. For verification of any individual record, call the Town Clerk's Office.

Building Department

The Building Department continues to see increased construction activity on residential and commercial properties during 2014. The shipyard continues to add residential units along with commercial spaces. A certificate of use and occupancy was issued for the new Middle School. Damon Farms three unit building is nearing completion. The Derby Street Shops continue to see new tenants. The old Deering Nursing Home on Main Street has been demolished. The Baker Hill subdivision is almost complete with 4 homes under construction. The 8 unit Craftsman Village on Beal Street is complete. Best Chevrolet renovation project is finished. South Shore BMW/Mini has opened for business. The new Lexus dealership on Derby Street is anticipating a spring of 2015 opening.

We continue to enforce the Massachusetts 8th Edition of 780 CMR State Building Code, The Massachusetts State Electrical Code 527 CMR 12.00 2014, The Massachusetts State 248 CMR Plumbing and Gas Code, Along with the Town of Hingham General By-Law and the Zoning By-Law.

The computer based permitting program is receiving upgrades from the IT department. The new software will make on line permitting more user-friendly for homeowners and contractors to apply for permits from their home or office.

The Building Department has issued a total of 4095 permits and conducted 6456 inspections in 2014.

		<u>Fees Collected</u>
1125	Building Permits	\$806,053
31	Final Cost Affidavits	34,865
700	Plumbing Permits	67,808
605	Gas Permits	33,280
1158	Electrical Permits	133,749
105	Certificate of Inspection	9,330
172	Occupancy	5,110
48	Re-inspection	3,580
150	Sheet Metal	21,345
1	Special Events	35
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4,095		\$1,115,155

Summary

		<u>Estimated Cost</u>
68	New Single Family Dwellings (4 Buildings with 18 units)	\$27,117,474.25
134	Dwelling Additions	15,564,860.00
556	Dwelling Alterations	12,190,729.22
15	Garage Additions/Alterations	228,300.00
88	Commercial Alterations/Additions	6,239,303.28
5	New Commercial Bldg/Bank	11,241,067.00
10	Pool Houses/Barns	459,710.0
1	School Alterations	12,000.00
5	Garages	214,630.00
14	Foundations Only	529,200.00
21	Demolitions	253,500.00
20	Demolitions (non-residential)	752,900.00
31	Sheds	285,609.56
2	Docks	140,000.00
22	Pools	971,705.21
36	Signs	120,265.99
1	Church Alteration	700,000.00
39	Wood/Coal/Pellet Stoves/Chimney	167,331.00
34	Temporary Tents	68,919.00
9	Retaining Walls	443,154.00
8	Antenna/Solar Array	293,000.00
4	Handicap Ramps	53,500.00
<u>3</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>31,200.00</u>
1125		\$78,078,358.50

I would like to thank the staff of the Building Department for their continued professional manner in which they serve the various customer concerns and inspections that we address throughout the day.

We would like to thank all applicants, residents, businesses and town departments for their cooperation and support this past year. We look forward to serving you in 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. Clancy C.B.O./Building Commissioner

Conservation Commission

In 2014 the Conservation Commission supported multiple projects related to natural resource protection and open space management. Projects included:

- Hingham Comprehensive Trails Plan
- Hingham Climate Change, Vulnerability, Risk Assessment and Adaptation Study
- Walton's Cove Stormwater Mitigation Project Phases I and II
- Town of Hingham Letter of Map Revision submittal to FEMA

Several projects were funded by grants and will be ongoing through 2015. MA Coastal Zone Management awarded funds to complete Phase I and begin Phase II the Walton's Cove project and to complete the Climate Change study. The 2014 Town Meeting authorized funds to complete the Comprehensive Trails Plan.

The Conservation Commission continued to evaluate projects subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Hingham Wetlands Protection Bylaw. The Commission acted on 156 applications and projects during 2014. These included:

- 3 Orders of Resource Area Delineation
- 1 Emergency Certification
- 4 Enforcement Orders
- 32 Orders of Conditions
- 2 Amended Orders of Conditions
- 39 Determinations of Applicability
- 48 Certificates of Compliance
- 27 Administrative Reviews

In addition to regulatory reviews, the Conservation Office responded to over 250 inquiries about FEMA Flood Insurance Rate maps and the National Flood Insurance Program.

The Conservation Commission adopted regulations governing hunting requirements on certain conservation lands. 62 Hunters received permits during the Fall 2014 deer hunting season.

The Commission's dedicated volunteers continued to help maintain and improve trails, fields and natural resources on Conservation

lands. Various student groups, Boy Scouts and resident volunteers worked to clear trails and improve facilities.

Eldon L. Abbott
Frank Gaul
Michael Ide
Scott T. McIsaac
Alan E. McKenna
John Morrissey
Robert Mosher

Abby Piersall, Conservation Officer

Planning Board

The Hingham Planning Board is pleased to submit this annual report for 2014.

Hingham witnessed continued commercial, industrial, institutional and residential development over the past year. New residential construction as well as tenant fit-ups continued at Hingham Shipyard and in commercial districts throughout the Town. New development and reuse of existing buildings took place on industrial properties in Town. The Planning Board (PB) conducted eleven Site Plan Review hearings. These included the Hingham Municipal Light Plant, the Ames Chapel, a minor modification to the Lexus project, a ~5,700 Square Foot warehouse facility on Sharp Street, and the Whitney Wharf Bridge project. Three Site Plans were reviewed in conjunction with a building permit or a Special Permit A3. In addition, the PB issued six Special Permit A3 approvals in conjunction with requests for parking waivers or determinations in accordance with the Town's off-street parking regulations. Joint hearings were conducted between the PB and Zoning Board of Appeals regarding applications for a Special Permit A2, and the related Site Plan and/or Special Permit A3. Together, the Boards permitted or reviewed a PCS facility, minor modifications at the Derby Street Shoppes and Back River developments, a Health Club in South Shore Park and a ~5,500 Square Foot industrial addition. The Boards also permitted or reviewed a kayak/paddleboard program at Hingham Harbor, and the post development traffic volumes and operating

conditions at the Shipyard. The PB also held joint hearings with the Conservation Commission to hear the reports and progress on the Climate Change Grant, and with the Accessory Unit Study Group to hear their reports on the proposed Zoning Amendment 2: Accessory Dwelling Units.

During 2014 the Planning Board reviewed and endorsed five Form A (Approval Not Required) plans for lot line changes, land swaps between adjacent parcels, and the creation of new lots in all areas of Town. Residential development on approved subdivision and infill lots, and in approved multifamily developments continued with activity at Fox Run, Baker Hill, Weathervane, Gardner Street, Back River, Black Rock and Hewitt's Landing. Back River, Black Rock, Fox Run, Gardner Street and Baker Hill are all nearing completion. The Planning Board also heard two new Preliminary and Definitive Subdivision applications, one consisting of two lots and the other consisting of four lots. The Planning Board received a new application for a five lot Flexible Residential Development and opened the hearings in the months leading up to Town Meeting.

In 2014 the PB adopted an update to the Subdivision Rules and Regulations closing out the effort to revise the construction standards. In the months leading up to the 2015 Town Meeting, the Planning Board discussed and held public hearings on ten proposed amendments to the Zoning By-Law (Accessory Dwelling Units; Housing and Accessory Buildings; Special Permit A3 Parking Determinations; FRD/Multi-Unit Housing Modifications; Commercial Uses under Section III-A 4; Personal Wireless Services; Changes to Nonconforming Accessory Structures; Uniformity Amendments; and, Completion of Multi-Unit Developments), and a petition article (Changes to Height Exceptions in Section IV-C.8). Prior to publication of the Warrant the PB voted to withdraw the proposed amendment on accessory dwelling units after consideration and discussion with the Accessory Unit Study Group. The consensus was that the proposal needed additional work and was not ready for Town Meeting. The Housing and Accessory Buildings article was originally related to the Accessory Unit article. The Special Permit A3 article was intended to provide clear approval criteria and correct some typographical errors.

The FRD/Multi-Unit Development article was intended to amend certain provisions of Sections IV-D and IV-E of the Hingham Zoning By-Law with respect to affordable housing, and/or who is able to prepare a preliminary FRD plan under Section IV-D, 5.a.iii. The Commercial Uses under Section III-A 4 article would amend the uses set forth in Section

III-A, subsections 4.4, 4.5 and 4.7 of the Hingham Zoning Bylaw to exempt those uses from special condition 1 of Section III-B when located within the Industrial Park Zoning District. The purpose of the Personal Wireless Services article was to include public safety as an intent and purpose of the Personal Wireless Service By-Law and/or to clarify the requirements of the By-Law as they apply to cell towers. The purpose to the article on Changes to Nonconforming Accessory Structures was to amend certain provisions of the Hingham Zoning By-Law regulating the reconstruction, extension, alteration or structural change to preexisting nonconforming structures accessory to Single or Two-Family Dwellings. The purpose of the Uniformity Amendments article was to address concerns about date based criteria in the regulations, and, the purpose of the Completion of Multi-Unit Developments article was to clarify the submissions required to assess the completeness of multi-unit developments and create a process for developers to request the issuance of occupancy permits before all details of the approved plans are complete.

As with recent previous years, 2014 was marked by productive and collaborative relationships between the Planning Board and a variety of other Town boards and committees, including the Board of Selectmen, the Zoning Board of Appeals, the Conservation Commission and the Accessory Unit Study Group. Planning Board members or their designees continue to play an active role as members of several Town committees, including the Community Preservation Committee, Open Space Committee, Development and Industrial Committee, Traffic Committee, South Hingham Study Group and newly re-formed Harbor Development Task Force.

Gary Tondorf-Dick, Chairman
Sarah Corey, Clerk
Walter Sullivan, Jr.
William Ramsey
Judith Sneath

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals is a quasi-judicial body charged under the provisions of the "Zoning Act", Chapter 40A of the Massachusetts General Laws (M.G.L.). The Zoning Act and the Hingham Zoning By-Laws designate the Board as the permit granting authority for Variances, Administrative Appeals, Findings, and certain Special Permits. These permits are broadly categorized into land use and dimensional regulations.

The Board is also the only agency entitled to issue comprehensive permits under M.G.L. ch. 40B.

The Board of Appeals consists of three regular members, appointed to 3-year terms. Four associate members, appointed to 1-year terms, presently serve on an as-needed basis. The Board of Selectmen makes all appointments.

The Board held thirty (30) meetings in 2014, during which members conducted ninety-five (95) separate hearings on both ongoing and new applications. The Board received seventy-one (71) applications over the course of the year. This number represents a 48% increase in permitting applications filed over last year.

Variances: Variances are authorizations to use land or structures in a manner that is otherwise prohibited by the Zoning By-Law where the applicant demonstrates substantial hardship, unique conditions affecting the property, and no substantial detriment to the public good. More than half (39) of all applications submitted to the Board in 2014 were variance requests. The majority of the variances approved were dimensional and related to setback requirements for residential accessory structures, both attached and detached, as well as additions to single-family dwellings. The Hingham Zoning By-Law also authorizes the Board to grant use variances; however, this form of relief is granted sparingly. The Board did not grant any new variance requests related to use in 2014. While most use variance applications were withdrawn from consideration, the Board did vote to deny an application from Global Tower Assets LLC to locate a cell tower behind Anchor Plaza on land zoned for residential uses. This use variance and a related special permit application required the Board to consider federal preemptive standards under the Telecommunications Act of 1996, in addition to the state and local approval criteria. The applicant filed suit in federal court to

challenge the Board's unfavorable decision, but recently withdrew its appeal.

Administrative Appeals: Aggrieved parties may appeal a decision or issuance of a permit by the Building Commissioner to the Board. The Board received nine (9) Administrative Appeals last year. Several applications are still pending, but the Board upheld the Building Commissioner's determinations in the majority of appeals concluded in 2014.

Findings: The Board reviewed six (6) Findings under M.G.L. ch. 40A, § 6, which involved changes to pre-existing nonconforming structures or uses. Section 6 allows extensions or alterations if the Board finds that the proposed change, extension or alteration will not be substantially more detrimental than the existing nonconforming use or structure to the neighborhood.

Special Permits: The Board heard applications on sixteen (16) Special Permit requests. Special Permits are authorizations to use land or structures for a specific use, provided general guidelines as detailed in the By-Law and specific conditions arising from the review process itself are met. Special Permits are designed as a flexible tool to assure that the use is in harmony with the intent and purposes of the Zoning By-Law. Special Permit applications approved include a new operations center for the Hingham Municipal Light Plant, a community room at the Hingham Cemetery, and four conversions of existing single-family dwellings to two-family dwellings. Special Permit applications approved, after a collaborative review process with the Planning Board, include a recreational boating program at Hingham Harbor, a rock climbing facility in the Industrial Park, and a juice shop in Hingham Square. The Boards also jointly heard and approved plan modifications in the Back River development.

Comprehensive Permits (M.G.L. ch. 40B): Chapter 40B is a state statute that allows developers to seek a single local permit under flexible rules for housing developments where at least 20-25% of the units have a long term affordability restriction. The Board concluded its hearing last year on a Comprehensive Permit application filed by SEB Hingham, LLC in 2013 for the construction of a 20-unit housing development on approximately 12 acres of land on Main Street in South Hingham. In June, the Board conditionally approved the construction of 16-units, with the Board reserving its rights to assert that the Town has already attained the 10% Statutory Minima for low or moderate income units. The developer appealed the decision to the Housing Appeals Committee.

(HAC). The Board also approved a substantial change at Linden Ponds, allowing the combination of 36 smaller units into 18 larger units. Finally, construction either concluded or continued on previously approved 40B developments, including Derby Brook on Whiting Street, Damon Farms on Main Street, and Craftsman Village on Beal Street.

Other Business: The Board received completion reports from the Building Commissioner for several notable developments including Black Rock Phases 3 and 4, Back River Townhomes, and Hewitt's Landing at the Hingham Shipyard. Staff reviewed a number of other ongoing construction projects and worked with developers to ensure compliance with decisions issued by the Board in prior years.

Board members and its designee participated in several planning initiatives last year, including the South Hingham Study Group and the Accessory Dwelling Unit Study Group. The Board also initiated several zoning amendments for consideration at 2015 Annual Town Meeting. The Board sponsored the proposed changes in an effort to improve the processes and regulations it implements under the Zoning By-Law.

Board members would like to express their thanks for the support, cooperation, and assistance we received from all Town departments during the past year. In particular, the Board thanks long time staff member Sue Letizia-Eddy, who became the Building Clerk in July. In August, the Board welcomed the new Zoning Clerk, Jen Cormier. Zoning Board staff is available to assist residents, developers, other town departments, and the general public in all zoning related matters during regular Town Hall hours. The Board encourages all interested citizens to attend its hearings, which are held on selected evenings at Town Hall.

W. Tod McGrath, Chair
Joseph M. Fisher, Vice-Chair
Joseph W. Freeman, Clerk

Emily Wentworth, Senior Planner and Zoning Administrator

Historic Districts Commission

In 2014, the Historic Districts Commission held over 90 hearings and conducted numerous site visits to review applications for exterior alterations to properties located in Hingham's historic districts. Certificates of Appropriateness were granted to applicants in all cases. The Historic Districts Commission is the Town's permitting board responsible for design review in the historic districts. The Commission reviews applications in a public hearing for projects that will affect the historical and architectural features of a structure in order to ensure that the project is appropriate and, therefore, respectful in mass, scale and architectural features to the original historic structure and the streetscape. Maintenance and repair projects do not require a hearing and are approved immediately. The work of the Commission is enabled by the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40C, and by the Historic Districts By-Law approved by Town Meeting. The mission of the Historic Districts Commission is to protect the history and character of Hingham's historic districts by preserving, through design review, the streetscape and the characteristic architectural features of the structures located within the historic districts.

The Commission's objective is to work collaboratively with applicants to help them meet their lifestyle and space needs while preserving the historic and architectural integrity of an historic structure. Guidelines for the Treatment of Historic Properties established by the United States Secretary of the Interior are the basis for the Commission's review of projects. The *Guidelines for Work in Historic Districts* prepared by the Historic Districts Commission and updated in 2013, are derived from the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines. Hingham's Guidelines define the standards for exterior work on properties located in Hingham's historic districts. Reviewing the *Guidelines* helps property owners submit project plans that meet the criteria required for approval. The *Guidelines* can be obtained from the Town's website or from the Historic Districts Commission Office on the second floor of Town Hall.

The Commission consists of five members and five alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen for three-year terms. The Historic Districts By-Law requires that the Commission includes an AIA architect, one designee each from the Planning Board and Historical Society, a resident of an historic district when possible and an at-large member. The public is welcome to attend Commission hearings held at Town Hall, generally

scheduled on the third Thursday evening of the month. You can visit the Commission Office during Town Hall business hours.

The Commission wishes to thank Susan Berry for two terms of service dedicated to preserving the integrity of Hingham's historic districts, her contribution to updating and revising the Commission's Guidelines, and for her insightful and thoughtful leadership as the Commission's chair. The Commission also wishes to thank George Ford for his commitment to the principles and practice of preserving the Town's architectural history, and for his considerable advice and counsel. The Commission welcomes new appointees Virginia Tay and Tomas Kindler.

The Historic Districts Commission is one of the five permitting boards in the Community Planning Department and appreciates the support of the Building Department, and the cooperation of the Conservation Commission, Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals.

Members

Hans von der Luft, Chair
Chuck Clutz
Lois Levine
Virginia Tay
Marc Minor

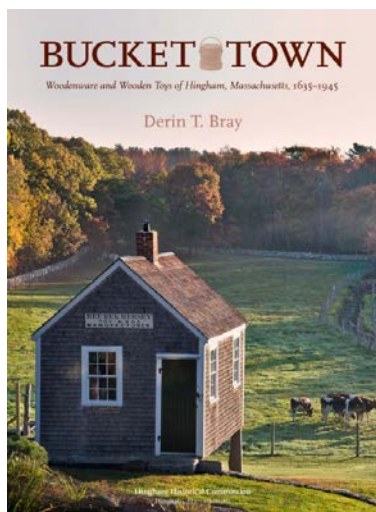
Alternate Members

John D'Angelo, Vice-Chair
Michael Collard
Marty Saunders
Anne Fanton
Tomas Kindler

Andrea Young, Administrator

Hingham Historical Commission

The Historical Commission, in conjunction with the Hersey Family, published its third book in 2014, *Bucket Town: Woodenware and Wooden Toys of Hingham, MA 1635-1945*. Inspired by the discovery of Reuben Hersey's intact toy and box-making shop hidden on the Hersey Farm for over 100 years, *Bucket Town*, written by Derin Bray, is a



beautifully photographed history of Hingham and its industrial past. As the woodenware capital of the colonies, and later of the young Nation, wooden canteens, pantry boxes, and a variety of wooden toys were produced in Hingham. Many of these items survive today, and are much prized by museums and private collectors. This groundbreaking and richly illustrated book was also the subject of an accompanying exhibition at Old Sturbridge Village from June 21, 2014, to January 15, 2015.

During 2014, the Commission awarded grants of nearly \$100,000 from the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust Fund to support restoration and preservation projects located in the historic districts abutting the Greenbush Rail right-of-way. Projects included stabilization of John Richardson's Old Fort House, restoration of the sanctuary windows in the First Baptist Church and reconstruction of the front porch on a private home. The Commission administers the Greenbush Historic Preservation Trust, established pursuant to an agreement between the Town and the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, to assist in the preservation of, and improvement to, historical assets in the area along the Greenbush rail line right-of-way.

The Hingham Historical Commission was created by Town Meeting in 1974 to serve as the Town's official body for administering the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966. The duty of the seven-member Historical Commission is to act in the public interest to preserve and protect the historic, cultural and archeological assets of the Town, many of which are identified in the *Town of Hingham Comprehensive Community Inventory*. The *Inventory* lists these assets, including the homes, outbuildings, churches and other non-residential or commercial

buildings, cemeteries and burial grounds, bridges and landscape elements, monuments and markers that are the visual chronicle of Hingham's evolution and the essence of the town's character, culture and appeal. The Inventory is posted on the Town website at <http://www.hingham-ma.com/historical/inventory.html>.

Like Hingham, most cities and towns in the Commonwealth have established local Historical Commissions. Local Historical Commissions are responsible for: (1) creating and maintaining an inventory of historic assets that includes the structures mentioned in the previous paragraph; (2) protecting the above-named assets from neglect, deterioration, demolition and development; (3) providing educational opportunities to understand the Town's history and the historic context of its resources.

By virtue of its demonstrated level of commitment to historic preservation, The Town of Hingham has been designated by the National Park Service as a "Certified Local Government", and is thus eligible for certain grants from the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Department of the Interior. Hingham has the distinction of being one of only 13 Certified Local Governments in the Commonwealth.

The Hingham Historical Commission carries out its mission via the expertise and commitment of its volunteer members and the resources contained in the *Preservation Projects Fund*, established, pursuant to statute, to help carry out projects and programs important for preserving the Town's historic character. This fund, initially established with grants and donations, has been used to mitigate the impacts of the Greenbush Line, catalogue archival materials to make information on the Town's historical and architectural assets available to the public, publish two histories of the Town, Not All Is Changed and When I Think of Hingham; and the *Historic Districts Handbook*. In addition, monies within this fund maintain such assets as the Memorial Bell Tower, the Lincoln, Governor Andrew and Iron Horse statues, and historical town markers.

Since the adoption of the *Community Preservation Act*, the Commission reviews, makes recommendations on, and proposes projects to preserve the history and character of the Town. The Commission has utilized CPA and other grants to the Preservation Projects Fund to support small preservation projects.

The Commission also advises on certain environmental reviews through the Federal "Section 106" historic review process and the Massachusetts *State Register of Historic Places* program, and administers the Demolition Delay By-law, adopted by vote of Town Meeting in 1988 and

revised in 2012, which is designed to protect historic properties outside of designated Historic Districts. The delay allows the Commission time to work with property owners to consider alternatives to demolition of structures that contribute to the Town's historic character.

Finally, after serving two terms as a commission member, Beth Rockoff left the commission when her term expired in 2014. The Commission is grateful for her strong preservation ethic, and for her efforts to carry out the Commission's objectives; most notably, her work to mark the sites of the Town's three former Almshouses, and to memorialize those buried in the Potter's Field located near the former Beal Street Almshouse.

The Commission welcomed new member, Kathryn Black. The Commission wants to acknowledge the invaluable and diligent assistance of its capable Administrator Andrea Young.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Robert Curley, Jr., Chair
Mike Dyer, Vice- Chair
Tom Willson
Huck Handy
Steve Swett
Arthur Choo, Jr.
Kathryn Black

BUCKET TOWN ADVISORY COMM.

Virginia Tay, Chair
Mary Tondorf-Dick
Tom Willson
Jim Macedo
Larry Lindner
Sara Dewey
Mark Murphy

Andrea Young, Administrator

Personnel Board

The Personnel Board is pleased to submit this Annual Report of its activities from January 1 through December 31, 2014.

Calendar 2014 saw the Personnel Board handle a host of issues. The Board approved job descriptions for the following four new Library positions: Collection Development Librarian, Information Technology Services Librarian, Associate Librarian–Circulation Services, and Reference-Local History Librarian.

The Board approved the reclassification of the position of Health Agent at Grade 13 and the Public Works Sewer Supervisor at Grade 13. The Board approved the job description and classification of the following positions: South Shore Country Club Golf Course Professional – Level 1 at Grade 11, Bowling Alley Equipment Manager at Grade 7, Head Assistant Harbormaster at Grade X-23 (the Board approved a salary schedule for this position), and Recreation Department Program Supervisor, at Grade 7.

The Board approved the revised job description of Community Planning Department Building Clerk, Police Department Records Clerk and Community Planning Department Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk.

The Board approved the requests that the newly hired Assistant Library Director, Community Planning Department Zoning Board of Appeals Clerk, and Local Building Inspector be placed at a higher step on the applicable salary scale based on prior experience. The Board approved nine vacation carry-over requests. The Board recommended an amendment to Section 19 of the Personnel By-Law to add to the longevity schedule a provision that employees with 25 or more years of continuous full-time employment would be entitled to longevity pay in the annual amount of \$1,000. The Board approved a request for an extension of sick leave for one employee and adjudicated two DPW union grievances that were not satisfactorily resolved at a preliminary level.

The Board recommended to the 2014 Annual Town Meeting that, effective July 1, 2014, a 2% general wage increase for Hingham Town employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement be implemented. This recommendation was approved by Town Meeting.

During calendar year 2014, the Personnel Board concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed three year successor labor contracts with the unions that represent Public Works employees and Police Superior Officers, and signed a three year Memorandum of Agreement with the union that represents Police Patrol Officers. These agreements provide that, for the term, July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2016, there will be a general wage increase of 2% in each of the successive three years. The Police Superiors Union and the Town agreed upon a comprehensive Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy. The Board also concluded negotiations and the Board of Selectmen signed a three year successor agreement with the union representing Library employees. This contract provides that, for its term, July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017, there will be a general wage increase of 2% in each of the successive three years.

The Board ended calendar 2014 in ongoing negotiations for a new successor labor contract with the bargaining unit representing the Fire Department employees. The Firefighters' contract expired on June 30, 2014.

David Pace, Chairman
Russell Conn
Marie Harris
Jack Manning
Mary Jane O'Meara

Department Of Public Works

The Department of Public Works is responsible for the care and upkeep of approximately 140 miles of public roads, 100 miles of drain lines, 10,000 drainage structures, 60 miles of sidewalks and over 10,000 public shade trees. We maintain numerous parks, grounds, islands, recreation and athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, basketball courts, parking areas, skating areas, beaches, public buildings, the Town Forest and two Town nurseries.

We maintain and provide other assistance for the upkeep of Conservation areas, the Bare Cove Park and numerous other public properties throughout Town. We also assist other Town departments with procurement, building maintenance, and vehicle maintenance and repairs.

The Department of Public Works is directly responsible for snow and ice control on all public roadways, parking areas, public buildings, driveways, schools, sidewalks and certain private. We are also responsible for the operation of the Town's Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility, as well as, the monitoring and maintenance of the Town's capped Sanitary Landfill.

Highway Division

The following roads were either Reconstructed or Resurfaced:

Abington Street	Hitching Post Lane
Burditt Avenue	Lazell Street (Charles St to So Pleasant St)
Cole Road	Martins Lane (Croydon Rd to Summer St)
Fearing Road	Miles Road
Fontainbleau Drive	Old Derby Street (Wey Line to Cul-de-sac)
Fort Hill Street	Stagecoach Road
Fresh River Ave	Union Street
Hancock Road (Colonial Rd to Stagecoach Rd)	

Sidewalk Reconstruction: Burditt Avenue, Fearing Road, and Union St.

Maintenance Operations: Painted & marked, swept & cleaned, plowed & treated 140 miles of Town owned roadways and 60 miles of sidewalks. Inspected and maintained 5,382 drainage structures and outfalls. Install, repair, maintain 3100 traffic and street signs and maintain 5 sets of signal lights.

Vehicle Maintenance: The new facility allows us to maintain the DPW, Transfer Station, and Sewer Department's equipment safely and more efficiently. This equipment includes 11 Dump Trucks w/ sanders and plows, 11 ¾ Ton Pickup Trucks w/ plows, 3 Sidewalk Plows, 4 Front End Loaders, 2 Backhoes, 2 Street Sweepers, 1 Bucket Truck, 1 Logging Material Handler, 1 Chipper, 11 Mowers, Chainsaws and 2 Rollers. The DPW Shop also has maintained vehicles for the Board of Health, Assessors, Building Department, Bare Cove Park and Town Hall.

Snow and Ice Control: 73.5" of snow, 6 Snowplow Operations, 31 Sanding Operations.

New Equipment: 2014 Administrative vehicle, 2014 Chevrolet 2500 Pickup truck with plow, 2013 Volvo L70G Front End Loader, 2014 International 6 Wheel Dump truck with sander and plow.

Special Projects: Burr Road fence replacement

Tree and Park Division

Tree Plantings: 99

Tree Removals: 387

Trees Pruned: 1473

New Equipment: None

Special Projects/Maintenance:

The Department of Public Works Tree & Park Department Division continues its work within the Town Forest. The George Washington Town Forest was diagnosed with "Red Pine Scale" and the "Pine Shoot Beetle" which has contributed to the widespread mortality of the Red Pine Trees in the forest. After extensive research and plant diagnostic site work performed by the University of Massachusetts Extension's diagnostic team it was determined that all trees that could potentially fall onto the roads or trails should be removed for Public Safety. The forest was closed for safety of the public during the work. The Town Forest roads were cleared and made passable by the DPW and Tree & Park to allow a contractor to remove the affected trees. A contractor was selected which performed the work through the winter. About 80% of the trees that were a threat to the public have been removed and an on-going tree removal program is in place which evaluates and removes any threats to the public. We would like to thank you for your patience while this

process is going on with our commitment to open the forest with minimal impact on the forest as we make it safe for the public.

On October 22nd & 23rd, the town experienced significant tree damage due to 65 MPH winds and 4.87 inches of rain. The storm damage was magnified due to the summer drought conditions which caused many healthy older trees to uproot. The DPW, with the assistance of contracted tree crews, cleared approximately 37 public and private trees within the public way in 24 hours time.

The Tree and Park Division maintains 110 parks and traffic islands throughout the town and strives constantly to make improvements with the assistance of other Town committees to which we are extremely grateful. We maintain in excess of 1,000 acres of open space and over 10,000 public shade trees. We also provide assistance to various committees, boards and departments within the Town. The Tree & Park has made good progress over the last 2 years rehabilitating the Parks and Traffic Islands, some of which were 50 or more years old and in need of revitalization.

This year the Tree & Park planted 99 shade trees throughout the town.

The Garden Club of Hingham donated a beautiful 4" caliper "Ginko" with an additional "Ginko" supplied by the DPW which were planted at Foster Elementary School as part of an annual Arbor Day celebration. Hingham was also recognized, for the 26th year, as a "Tree City USA" and also obtained the "Growth Award" which is for recognition of the Town's strong commitment to caring for and protecting our public shade trees.

The Department of Public Works would like to express its sincere gratitude to the past and present members of the Shade Tree Committee for their many hours of dedication and service to the Town of Hingham. We would also like to thank the Hingham Beautification Commission and Garden Club for all they do in keeping our many traffic islands and downtown sidewalks looking great.

Our staff's knowledge and experience is a great asset to the town and we would be happy to discuss any questions regarding the care and maintenance of trees and shrubs.

Recreation Division

The Recreation Division is responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of athletic fields, tennis courts, recreation areas, playgrounds and other

open spaces throughout the Town. The Recreation Division mows and maintains Lynch Field, Haley Field, Center School Field, Hull Street Park and Field, Hersey Playground and Field, Bradley Woods Playground and Park, and Kress Playground Park and Field, Carlson Field, the Harbor waterfront area and numerous other public grounds, areas and schools.

The Recreation Division also assists with maintenance improvement of public roads, drainage, trees and other Town property, and assists with snow and ice control throughout the Town. The Recreation Division has teamed up with the Tree and Park division and has worked successfully and effectively together providing everyday maintenance to the Town's parks and facilities and most importantly in emergency situations that are storm related.

New Equipment: Toro Groundsmaster 4010 Lawn Mower

Hingham Trash Transfer and Recycling Facility

Last year we transferred 5,869 tons of household rubbish to the SEMASS trash to energy facility in Rochester and 1,101 tons of bulky waste and demolition to New England Recycling (NER) in Taunton to be recycled. Hingham residents recycled 2,426 tons of mixed recyclables, 7,735 tons of brush, logs and yard waste, 4.3 tons of tires, 1,400 gallons of motor oil, 188,073 pounds of electronics, 148 tons of textiles, 9.9 tons of batteries, and handled 170 cars with household hazardous waste. The Returnable Bottle-Can Program donated approximately 271,320 cans and 78,100 plastic bottles for an estimated total of \$17,471 to 26 different Hingham Youth Organizations for the year. The success of our recycling program provides relief from increasing waste disposal fees benefits the environment and helps our youth organizations.

The Transfer Station scale weighs the trash and recyclables at the Transfer Station. The scale is also used to weigh commercial construction debris and has been a revenue source for the Transfer Station. In 2014, the revenue from the scale was \$71,503 which is ahead of schedule for the three year payoff. Transfer Station Permits (stickers) have been updated and changed from Black to Blue (round).

With the installation of a vehicle counter, the Transfer Station accepts an average of 7,100 cars per week.

With disposal costs projected to rise steadily in the future, the economic benefits of separation and recycling cannot be overemphasized. We urge residents to maximize their recycling efforts and to reduce waste

disposal through separation, recycling and composting. The Department of Public Works is happy to answer any questions regarding recycling, composting, or use of the Recycling and Trash Transfer Facility.

Special Projects: None

New Equipment: Aluminum Refuse Trailer

Interdepartmental

The DPW and the Sewer Department have been working out of the DPW building and are under the direction of the DPW Superintendent. This arrangement has allowed both departments to realize savings from sharing manpower, equipment, and office staff. The consolidation has also allowed the DPW and Sewer Department to save in operating expenses and has allowed the DPW to use its workforce more efficiently. We will continue to do our best to meet our obligation to provide necessary and essential services for the Town of Hingham.

It is our commitment to keep the Town of Hingham looking its best at all times and working to restore or improve its historical value while keeping with the plans of the future. We are constantly striving to train and keep our staff as safe and efficient as possible.

On behalf of the Townspeople of Hingham, I would like express my sincere gratitude and commend all the employees of the Department of Public Works who sacrificed many, many long continuous hours last winter to keep our roads safe and passable, and who are frequently called upon to work under adverse conditions, dealing with weather related and other types of emergencies. I would also like to thank all of my office staff for keeping the Public Works Department/Sewer Office operating in an efficient and professional manner.

I would like to give special thanks to all of the Sewer Commissioners, Bob Higgins, Ed Demko, Kenneth Johnson, and the employees of the Sewer Department and DPW for the ongoing transition of leadership of the day to day operations. This arrangement has allowed both departments to be more efficient and cost effective.

We at the DPW would like to extend a special thank you to Mike Leavitt, who retired after 42 years of dedicated service to the Town of Hingham Department of Public Works. Mike's knowledge and hard work will be missed and we all wish Mike well in retirement.

We are happy to welcome new employees, Administrative Secretary, Susan Doran; Tree & Park Laborer, Robert Sweeney Jr.; Tree and Park Laborer, Dan Dempsey; and Highway Laborer, Joe Trinchera. I would also like to wish Kristin Currier well who moved out of state with her family.

Randy Sylvester
DPW Superintendent

Sewer Commission

Calendar year 2014 was a very productive year for the Sewer Department. The transition is complete and the Sewer Department is now permanently located at the DPW offices. The Board of Sewer Commissioner's underwent several changes in 2014 that began with the untimely passing of Ed Monahan. Ed Monahan's vacancy was filled with the election of Eric Gondveer. Robert Higgins was appointed to replace Michael Salerno who had to move on from Sewer Commissioner due to promotion and added responsibilities of his employer. Kenneth Johnson was appointed to replace Eric Gondveer who resigned and moved out of town to pursue other endeavors. The current Sewer Commission now consists of Commissioner Edmund Demko, Commissioner Robert Higgins, and Commissioner Kenneth Johnson.

The Sewer Department continued to upgrade its infrastructure to keep in stride with our Asset Management Program by installing the second of two new pumps at Broad Cove Station. Bel Air Station had two new check valves installed. Malcolm Street Station had two new pumps, check valves, and a heater installed. Walton Cove Station had the wet well modified to increase flow to the station. South Street Station had a new fuel tank for the generator installed. New heaters were installed at the Howe Street, Bradley Woods, and Weir River Stations.

Another important station modification of 2014 took place at the Weir River Station. The pumps, rails and discharge piping was replaced and upgraded. This Station had repeatedly gone into high level alarm due to high flow and worn equipment. This station is now operating efficiently and without alarms. It should be noted that the cost of Weir River Stations modifications are shared with the Town of Cohasset.

In 2014, the Sewer Department crew painted both the Weir River Station and the Mill Street Station.

The Sewer Department also contracted out three "On-Call" Service contracts to keep in stride with the Asset Management Plan. These contracts are for Camera Inspections, Trenchless Sewer Repairs, and Dig Sewer Repairs.

Shortly after the contracts were awarded, the force main from Broad Cove Station broke under Lincoln Street at Langlee Road. The On-Call service contract allowed the Sewer Department to react quickly to the emergency and repair the force main in a timely fashion. Additionally, 100' of cured-in-place lining was installed under the trenchless repair "On-call" contract.

Under the comprehensive long term Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) and Asset Management Plan, approximately 10,000 feet of pipe was inspected that resulted in several trenchless repairs. These repairs mitigated approximately 15,000 gallons per day of ground water entering into the Sewer system.

Nearly 2000 feet of Sewer easement clearing was performed in 2014. The Nokomis-Downer Ave Easement was clear cut to its original 20 foot width and the manholes within were rehabilitated. All the manholes from Beach Lane to Bel Air Station, in the beach easement, were raised above high water mark and waterproofed. This will allow for future access and maintenance.

These efforts will continue well into the future to save the ratepayers money in pumping and electric costs. Homeowners in the sewer districts who use sump pumps can aid the effort to reduce I/I by contacting the Sewer Commission to have their sump pumps checked. Any flow found entering the sewer system should be redirected.

The Sewer Department continues to work alongside the Board of Health enforcing the Town **Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Regulation**. Inspections of the grease traps in all food establishments connected to the municipal sewer were performed to locate sources of FOG in the system. Camera inspections of the lines in the streets were performed to provide additional information and pinpoint any problem areas. The Sewer Department has purchased a push camera in 2014 to perform some of these FOG inspections, along with I&I investigation. **The Sewer Commission requests that residents refrain from putting fatty substances into their drains.**

Special Projects:

Ship and Cottage Street Sewer Extension has been installed and put into service. Residents in that area have already begun to connect to the sewer system.

The Sewer Commission has also made continuing efforts to consolidate existing special acts and policies and to develop an application process for future sewer expansion projects and develop a sewer betterment calculation policy. The Sewer Commission is working with and finalizing the development of the policy consolidation with Weston & Sampson Engineers, Inc.

As always we want to thank our maintenance staff and our office staff for their dedication and hard work.

Edmund Demko, Chairman
Robert Higgins
Kenneth Johnson
Randy Sylvester, DPW Superintendent

Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant

It is with pleasure that I submit my report to the citizens of Hingham on behalf of the Lighting Board and the employees of the Lighting Plant. The Lighting Plant continues to provide a safe and reliable electric system to its customers due in large measure to the three person elected Light Board members who put policies and procedures in place with the long term best interests of Hingham businesses and residents in mind.

For the 2014 fiscal year the Light Board voted to transfer to the Town of Hingham a payment in lieu of taxes totaling \$500,989. Some years back we adopted the use of a formula which is tied to the amount of electricity sold to calculate the amount of the contribution. To help the Town prepare their operating budget while we certify purchases we are currently committed to a base payment of \$450,000. These dollars help the Town maintain the high level of services the citizens of Hingham have come to expect and receive. It is expected that the 2015 payment will be close to \$500,000.

The Lighting Plant continues to support energy efficiency efforts at Town owned facilities. Our contributions did not end with paying for an audit report. We helped with financing lighting retrofits, equipment changeovers and improvements to heating and cooling equipment. It is expected those efforts have resulted in energy savings to the Town in the range of tens of thousands of dollars.

Our energy savings activities do not end with Town facilities. Our Hingham Is Going Green program has been in existence for close to four years. The program's benefits closely mirror those offered by investor owned utilities. The huge difference between our program and theirs is in how it gets financed. Theirs gets paid for by assessing their customers on a per kWh fee. HMLP finances our program. We performed about 100 residential and commercial audits.

The Lighting Board has directed me to continue to search for opportunities to procure renewable energy sources that make sense from both an electrical and financial point of view. To that end we and several other municipal lighting plants have bought the entire output of a wind farm in Maine which will go commercial in late 2015. The Saddleback Wind Project will consist of 10 to 12 2.75-megawatt (MW) turbines capable of producing more than 105 million kilowatt-hours of clean, emission-free, renewable energy per year— enough to power approximately 10,000 homes. Right now approximately 12% of our electricity comes from renewable sources of energy and 40% from non-

fossil fuel generating plants. The Lighting Plant also works closely with the Town's Energy Action Committee in their work promoting responsible energy use in both public and private settings.

As of this writing our Auditor's report is not available for publication. When the 2014 report is certified it will be posted on our web site, as have your Annual Reports going back to 2002. It appears sales in 2014 were a tad lower than in 2013. In 2013 they were 209m kWh and 207.7m kWh in 2014. I believe this is more due to a cooler summer and warmer fall/ early winter and energy efficiencies implemented than an economic downturn. The 2014 system peak was in July as it has been for each of the past 5 years and represents an almost 1.2% decrease under the 2013 peak. This annual peak is the lowest it has been in 5 years. The electrical load growth in Hingham over 10 years demonstrates the Town's growth. From 2004 to 2014 there was an increase of almost 27% in total sales and the system peak increased almost 42%.

The world of electric supply continues to become more complicated and expensive. Recent headlines have shouted about 30% and higher rate increases for customers of investor owned utilities. HMLP customers saw no such increases. For the 1st quarter/winter months of 2014 HMLP spent \$1,500,000 more in supply costs then the same time period in 2013 and received less than 5% more energy. That increase in cost can be in large part attributed to a shortage of natural gas in New England during the heating season. Additionally the market has seen generating plants close. Some with curious timing that caused us and other interested parties to raise issues with Federal regulators and members of our Congressional delegations. A major reason why we can hold rates largely steady and the investor owned utilities cannot is in our structure. We are vertically integrated which means we are exclusively responsible for securing energy for you. This difference allows us to make longer term power purchases vs. those who buy in 6 month blocks making them more subject to short term market swings. That said we have been consistently, for more than 20 years, less expensive than the investor owned utilities. That 20 year period is when they became "deregulated". That deregulation allowed them to shed the potential financial downside of ill-advised power purchases. As currently constituted they simply pass those higher costs to their rate payers/customers with no consequence to their bottom line.

The Lighting Plant continues to make both capital improvements and steadfastly maintains its electric distribution system. One of our most important missions is to "keep the lights on" and if they go out to "get them back on safely and quickly". 2014 was once again a year which

tested our mettle in that regard. Due to the efforts of HMLP employees neither the snowfalls in the winter nor the dog days of summer brought significant problems to your electric system.

We secured all the necessary permits from the appropriate Town Boards (Zoning, Planning and Conservation) and at year's end we were evaluating, through open bidding, the submittals of general and subcontractors to build our combined Operations and Administration center in Bare Cove Park. Hingham residents should be pleased to know those Boards did not simply rubberstamp our applications. Rather we went through a rigorous vetting of our plans which resulted in changing direction, which we endorsed, to satisfy various constituencies and neighbors.

We decided to convert to an Automatic Meter Reading system which will allow us to get our meters read by simply driving a truck by your residence or place of business. They are not "smart meters" which allow for remote and 2 way communication and which have some amount of "controversy" associated with them from folks nervous about purported health or privacy issues. Those concerns are not the reasons we went with AMR vs. AMI. A primary driver was cost. AMR is much less expensive and provides us with the data we need to operate and bill.

It is appropriate to thank the men and women of the Lighting Plant for their tireless hard work in making the system safe, reliable and for responding to customer requests in a timely manner. HMLP employees continue to be the single greatest asset of the lighting plant.

Your Light Board is made up of three elected Hingham citizens, listed below, who volunteer their time and efforts to make the Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant a public power company that Hinghamites should be proud of. It is certainly appropriate at this time to thank Walter Foscett who recently resigned from the Board after having served on the HMLP Board for 20 years. Walter's stint made him one of the longest standing members in HMLP's 122 year history. His sage advice and steady leadership helped steer the Light Plant through a period of unprecedented challenges and growth. Kudos to Walter for all his help.

John A. Stoddard Jr., Chairman
David H. Ellison, Vice-Chairman
John P. Ryan, Secretary
Paul G. Heanue, General Manager

Fire Department/Emergency Management

The Hingham Fire Department responded to a total of 3936 Emergency Calls during 2014. Included in that number are over 1500 medical transports to local hospitals and several hundred medical assists. This does not include the hundreds of inspections we conduct each year including smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector inspections, hydrant inspection and maintenance, inspections of sprinkler systems and places of public assembly. Many hours are also required for plans review for new construction as well as building additions and alterations. The department also participates in fire prevention activities and first aid training to our schools and community groups. It should also be noted that most of the apparatus repairs as well as fire station repairs are accomplished by fire department members thereby saving the community considerable amounts of money. Consideration should be given for an additional day time staff person in order to coordinate the additional training needs and emergency medical services that the department is required and expected to provide.

Our mutual aid program with our neighboring communities continues to be healthy. Aid was provided to Hull, Cohasset, Norwell, Rockland and Weymouth and those towns in return assisted Hingham when needed. The mutual aid program includes covering fire stations, responses directly to incidents and providing medical aid.

The Fire Department Assets Review Committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen in 2013 has determined that our two satellite fire stations, both of which were constructed in 1942 are very much in need of upgrades. The stations have served the town well and ascetically are three of the finest looking fire stations in the country. The fact remains however that very little has been done to upgrade the major building systems and bring them up to current building and safety codes standards as well as redefining their role in the greatly expanded responsibilities of a modern day fire and emergency services agency.

When the stations were built, each station responded to approximately 150 emergency incidents per year, predominately fire related. Now each station responds to over 2000 calls per year and the calls range from fires to medical emergencies, to technical rescue, weather events and unfortunately the threat of terrorism. Our firefighters have done a wonderful job of maintaining the stations and making alterations where prudent but were well beyond the point of piecemeal repairs. A feasibility study conducted by the Architectural Firm of Dore & Whittier has also

concluded that the buildings are well beyond their useful life and in need of major upgrades. The good news is that they have concluded that the basic building skeleton and major structural components are sound and are recommending refurbishment rather than replacement. This will result in a saving to the town of almost \$3 million per building. I am requesting at the 2015 annual town meeting that the sum of \$500,000 be appropriated to begin the process of architectural plans through bid process so we may begin the necessary repairs and upgrades to North Fire Station located at 230 North St.

It will also be necessary in future years to appropriate additional funds to complete the North Station renovation project and then move on to the South Hingham Fire Station. The type and scope of work necessary on the South Fire Station will be dictated by what the community eventually decides on the level of fire and EMS services that the south end of Hingham requires.

With the continued build-out of South Hingham, it is increasingly apparent that an additional fire station is needed to reduce response times in the south end of Hingham. An acceptable response time for a fire or medical emergency should be no longer than seven minutes. A maximum of five to six minutes is the ideal standard. We are now responding to a substantial amount of emergencies where the response times are well beyond the acceptable standard. The need for an additional fire station was first recognized by a committee which reported its findings to the town in the 1968 Annual Town Report and reaffirmed by the Asset Committee in 2014.

The 2014 Annual Town Meeting approved the purchase of two new fire engines. The department, working with a fire apparatus purchase committee consisting of members of the department, developed apparatus specifications and delivery of the vehicles is expected in early 2016. This will put our apparatus fleet in fine shape and is consistent with our long term capital replacement schedule.

Work on the South Shore Regional Dispatch Center continues. The center has proven its worth on several occasions when multiple incidents occur as there are now several dispatchers available to answer 911 phone calls, provide medical advice and direction over the phone prior to arrival of EMS personnel and meet the needs of the field units. In addition as much as 2 minutes of response time is reduced when mutual aid units are needed. When dealing with life dependent emergencies, two minutes can make the difference!

The department continues to work with MEMA (Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency) by attending meetings and exercises designed to assist local communities with situations that may be beyond the scope and abilities of local resources.

Please be sure to test and check your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide alarms. They are life saving devices that required yearly maintenance. Smoke detector should be replaced every 10 years and carbon monoxide every 7 years. In recent years there has been an increase in carbon monoxide related events in residential homes and the department is very concerned. The department is always ready to assist a resident with the purchasing or installation of these devices. It is also important to make sure gas vents are properly cleared of snow.

Firefighter/Master Mechanic Charles Bacon retired in May after 35 years of service. Chuck was a very dedicated member of the department and was involved in many different activities all of which advanced the fire service in general and the Hingham Fire Department specifically. His mechanical skills as well as his carpentry skills will be greatly missed. In addition he served as an Emergency Medical Technician and was involved with several community activities outside the department.

Administrative Assistant Kate Knorr also retired after serving in the position for 17 years. She joined the department under Chief Johnson and was instrumental in implementing the needed business changes to the department recordkeeping. She assisted the current Chief and Deputy in their understanding of the systems and was always ready to provide any advice and assistance where she could. Kate was a great asset to the department, its members, the Deputy and myself. We all wish her a long, safe and healthy retirement.

Fire Captain Wayne Dennis, Fire Captain Charles Grainger, Firefighters Peter Tutkus, Bruce Kelly and Call Firefighter Colby Linscott all passed away during the year. All of the men were dedicated to the department and the community.

In closing I would like to thank all the members of the department and the town departments and committees we work with each day for their generous cooperation and assistance. The residents of Hingham are the benefactors of this wonderful relationship that has existed for many years and it makes our town a wonderful place in which to both work and reside.

Mark Duff, Fire Chief/Emergency Management Director

Police Department

In 2014 the Hingham Police continued to be impacted by the new growth challenges. Demands for service continue to climb and the reality is that for the foreseeable future the trend will be for more calls for service. Development of the South Hingham district, Hingham Shipyard, South Shore Industrial Park, Linden Ponds along with other growth in town has inevitably increased the demands for service. In 2014 the Hingham Police Department responded to 20,527 calls for service. Working together with the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen and Advisory Board we have restored personnel cuts made during the recession. The Hingham Police Department is staffed with 53 Police Officers compared to 58 in 1980.

We welcome newly appointed Officers Michael Dunlea, James Brady, Ashley Mills, Brian Norton and Matthew Shinney who all successfully completed the Municipal Police Academy and field training program. We wish them well and welcome them to our police family.

The South Shore has been affected by the state wide opium epidemic. As a police department we have taken an active role. The Hingham Police Department created a Drug Task force with the towns of Norwell, Cohasset and Hull to work effectively addressing drug activity in the four towns. Hingham Police Detectives also remain members of the Old Colony Police Anti-Crime Task Force made up of sixteen towns working jointly on drug distribution, organized crime, serial crime, violent crime and fugitive apprehension. The Hingham Police Department is an active member in Hingham's Drug Task Force initiated by Selectman Paul Gannon.

With the climate and unrest in the world, your Police Department has been in the forefront of Police Officer training. During the year of 2014 your Police Officers participated in Active Shooter, Taser, Night time firing, Fire Arms qualifications, and In-Service Trainings. The training has allowed our Officers to do their jobs professionally. In March of 2014 our Department was involved in a shooting where the suspect was shot by one of our officers. An independent investigation by the District Attorney's office ruled the shooting was justified. All of our officers involved performed professionally and saved the suspects life due to tourniquet training we had completed two weeks before the incident.

The South Shore Regional Communications Center with the towns Cohasset, Hull and Norwell continues to provide our residents state of

the art technology with effective service. With State and Federal grants, computer laptops are now in all our police cars allowing officers to have the ability to have on-board real time access to information, making them more effective. It also increases their safety in the cruiser by having computers that facilitate safer and more efficient police work. Hingham has benefitted from the regional dispatch center during the storms, bad car crashes, Fourth of July parade and fireworks having 6-8 dispatchers answering calls for service instead of the two we had when the dispatch was at the police station

2014 saw Harbormaster Ken Corson and his assistants utilizing their newest equipment, a pump out station located at the town pier. This allows boaters and the harbormaster to pump out thousands of gallons of sewage into the sewer system. Due to ongoing efforts of the harbormaster, boaters can renew their mooring permits on line. Mooring fields are complete in both the inner and outer harbor, enabling more boaters to take advantage of mooring their boats here in Hingham waters.

Animal Control Officer Leslie Badger remains busy due to our increase in development and the increasing appearance of wild animals in residential areas. Hingham averages twelve deer car crashes per year.

In the face of all the demands on our police department, I am pleased to report that our community policing programs remain strong. The Hingham Police Department has expanded our media outreach to include EMASS, Facebook and Twitter to keep our residents informed on public safety issues. Our D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program completed its 20th year and the high school has a criminal justice club in place. Our School safety program is in full swing in our elementary schools as well. We now have a School Resource Officer at Notre Dame Academy funded by Notre Dame. Our Neighborhood Watch and Designator Driving programs meet continued success. In addition, we completed our 49th Citizens Police Academy class as well as our R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense). I thank those officers and speakers who participated in these programs to make it a community policing success.

As part of that success, our Hingham Citizen Police Academy Alumni group likewise remains a strong source of support. The CPAA purchased a Drug Collection Box located in the police department lobby allowing residents to discard any medication safely. The department thanks the CPAA for their donations for various Police Department programs contributing to the success of our mission.

In closing this is my last town report. After 37 years I am retiring. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the last four years as Hingham's Police Chief. I will never forget the thirteen years I spent in the schools as the town's first D.A.R.E. Officer. I take pride that fourteen of our police officers were my D.A.R.E. students. I have enjoyed working with the various boards and serving the residents of Hingham. I will be leaving knowing that the men and women of our Police Department make up the best police force on the South Shore and that they truly care about our residents.

Thank you all for your support.

Michael J. Peraino
Chief of Police

Traffic Committee

The Traffic Committee exists to assist Hingham residents and business owners with ways to alleviate traffic concerns in all areas of the Town. The Traffic Committee does not have the power to implement changes but rather recommends proposals to the Board of Selectmen.

No Parking signs were posted on the west side of Beal Street from William B. Terry Drive at the entrance of Lynch Field parking lot and continuing to the entrance of the Beal's Cove condo complex. This was in response to parking issues at sports events at the Lynch Field

Do Not Enter signs were posted at the intersection of Stoddard Road and Union Street. This is in effect from 2:00-3:00 pm. Monday through Friday during the school year. Action was taken to deter High School students from using the street to avoid the 4 way stop sign at the Union, Middle and Pleasant Street intersection when school is dismissed and proceed to speed down Stoddard Road. A petition was signed by residents of Stoddard Road, Meadowview Road and Pleasant Street and presented to the Traffic Committee. These signs are a long term solution to an ongoing problem in the neighborhood.

Two Not a Thru Way signs were installed at both entrances of Hazelwood Drive. This was done to deter drivers from using this road as a turnaround when trying to avoid heavy traffic on Route 53 in South

Hingham. Most drivers are not aware that this is not a through way so these signs would alert them to this fact and discourage them from entering and having to turn around to exit the street.

No Parking signs were posted on Summer Street from Old Colony Road South to Chief Justice Cushing Highway on the west side of the road only. No Parking, Standing, Stopping signs were also posted on Fort Hill Street from South Street to 81 Fort Hill Street on both side of the road. These signs were installed at these locations which are in the vicinity of MBTA commuter rail parking lots.

The Traffic Committee continued to monitor the accident occurrences at the intersection of Main Street and Cushing Street in 2014. Based on available data, there have been 10 accidents which occurred there of which only one had injuries. Seven of the 10 cars were towed from the crash. Crashes by month: 1 in February, 2 in April, 1 in May, 2 in June, 2 in August, 1 in November and 1 in December. 5 were angle collisions, 4 were rear ended and 1 occurred when a car hit a sign.

Once again, the Traffic Committee thanks the citizens of Hingham for their ongoing interest in suggesting ways to improve the free and efficient flow of traffic and pedestrian movement within the streets and sidewalks of Hingham.

Should a resident or merchant have a topic to bring before the Traffic Committee, they should make a written request to the Board of Selectmen, cc: Chief Michael Peraino, Hingham Police Department. Questions regarding traffic issues can be addressed to Sgt. Steven Dearth, Traffic Sergeant, Hingham Police Department, 781-804-2205.

Chief Michael J. Peraino, Chairman
Represented by Sgt. Steven Dearth
Chief Mark Duff
Represented by Lt. John Haley
Harry Sylvester, Department of Public Works
William Ramsey, Planning Board
James Costello
Daniel Zivkovich
Clark Frazier

Traffic Safety Division

Persons Injured/Killed in Motor Vehicle Crashes in 2014

Fatal.....	0
Motor Vehicle Crashes with Injury.....	57
Motor Vehicle Crashes without Injury.....	719
Total Motor Vehicle Crashes.....	776

Other Facts

Most Frequent Hours for Crashes.....	2-3pm, 3-4pm, 5-6pm, 4-5pm
Street With Most Crashes.....	Main Street (80)
Town of Hingham (Square Miles).....	23
Town of Hingham Road Miles.....	131
Town of Hingham State Highways (Routes 3, 3A, 228 and 53).....	4
Motor Vehicles Registered in Hingham (as of 12/31/14).....	18,748

Motor Vehicle Citations Issued in 2014

Warnings (No Fine).....	2,152
Civil (Fine).....	652
Criminal/Arrests (from Motor Vehicle Stops).....	251
Total Issued.....	3,055

Parking Tickets Issued in 2014

Total Issued.....	367
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Motor Vehicle Crashes Facts and Figures (5 Years)

<u>Year</u>	<u>MV Crashes</u>	<u>Fatals</u>	<u>Injuries From</u>
2010	838*	1	93
2011	803*	2	82
2012	819*	1	85
2013	879*	0	79
2014	776*	0	57

*Includes all crashes documented and/or investigated in Hingham (except on Route 3), including crashes that were reported after the fact, crashes off road (such as in parking lots) and minor crashes where Officers responded.

Harbormaster

This year when people visited the Harbormaster's office they were greeted by the new Harbormaster Clerk, Katie Hunter. Ms. Hunter brings significant office administration skills. Over the last year Ms. Hunter has improved our efficiency, customer support, and overall customer satisfaction. The Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormasters are now able to be more present at the harbor tending to harbor duties. The addition of four new Assistant Harbormasters this year, brings the staff total to eleven.

This year the season kicked off with a bang as well with the Wessagussett Fireworks in Weymouth. Shortly after the fireworks display, a distress call was broadcast over VHF 16 for a vessel aground on Sheep Island. Eight people on board initially reported no injuries, but quickly the transmission identified every passenger having sustained some level of injuries. Harbormasters from Hingham, Hull, and Weymouth responded to evacuate the people. When Harbormasters approached the island the boat was out of the water well above the waterline. Paramedics from Hingham, Weymouth and Hull were transported onto the Weymouth Harbormaster vessel "Seawatch". The injured people were triaged and treated for their injuries before being transported to land and the hospital. No injuries were life threatening; however, two people sustained serious injuries. Incidents like this do not occur frequently, but our Harbormasters continuously train in preparation for such events.

Over the winter months, the Harbormaster worked closely with the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority, Emergency Management Division, planning a commuter ferry drill to test the response of the Hingham Fire Department, Police Department, and Harbormaster Department. Early on the morning of July 13, 2014, the Harbormaster, Police, and Fire Department responded to a mock event involving a ferry returning from Boston. The ferry lost its steering due to an engine room fire and collided with the dock. For over an hour, emergency workers evacuated the vessel; assessed and triaged "passenger" injuries; evaluated the vessel's stability and impact on the environment; and extinguished the fire. This training scenario was selected by the Harbormaster, because in the event of a real ferry accident, the joint maritime and terrestrial response of all three of the town's public safety emergency departments would be required.

Below is an image from the ferry drill. The ferry Flying Cloud is seen with smoke emanating from the engine room. Marine 1 is also on scene on the right side of the picture. The drill took place in the shipyard.



This ferry drill was a good segue into the first season with extended ferry service to Boston, Hull, and selected Boston Harbor Islands, seven days a week. On the busiest of days, ridership exceeded 5,000 people. Hingham has the largest ferry terminal feeding the City of Boston.

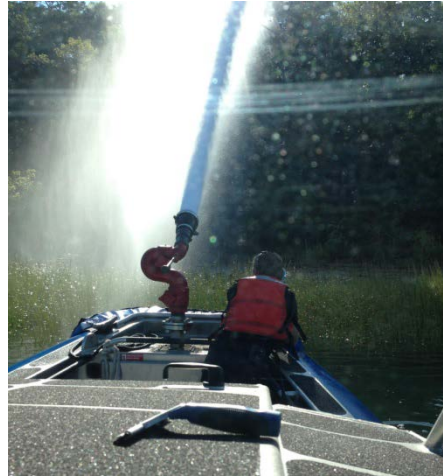
The Harbormaster and the Recreation Department offered kayaking and paddle boarding at the Town Pier. This first year pilot program was a huge success. The Recreation Department purchased the boats, paddles, and life vests while the Harbormaster provided a dock for the boats, space in the shed, and oversight on the water for safety. This was a great way for many residents (who normally don't have the opportunity) to get on the water. In the picture below the kayaks and paddleboards are on the rack with dinghies in the foreground of the dinghy dock. The pumpout boat is secured to the dock with Assistant Harbormaster Matthew Demenna preparing to transit onto the boat.



In late August, the Department of Homeland Security notified the town that the Harbormaster's grant application for a harbor camera security system and Blue Force Tracking had been approved. The grant totaled \$174,000 and required a \$50,000 match, which was budgeted. The camera system will primarily provide for security around the ferry terminal and Blue Force Tracking allowing the Hingham Harbormaster, State Police, Massachusetts Port Police, Environmental Police, and United States Coast Guard to securely share their positions in a large homeland security network promoting faster response and situational awareness in joint responses.

As September rolled around, and the boating season wound down, the dry conditions sparked a brush fire in Great Esker Park, Weymouth. For several hours the Weymouth Fire Department fought the fire along with the Weymouth Harbormaster. Due to the remote location, they were unable to contain or reduce the fire. At that point they requested assistance from the Hingham Harbormaster. Marine I responded and for several hours worked with the fireground command to strategically spray water on the fire. Marine I has a fire pump which discharges 600 gallons of water every minute. The pump sprayed over 72,000 gallons of water, extinguishing and cooling the fire. Head Assistant Harbormaster Joseph Driscoll operated the vessel and Assistant Harbormaster Neal Nelson operated the fire pump (seen in the picture below on the bow of the boat). The Harbormaster crew communicated with each other and fireground command via wireless headsets. This was the first actual fire

response by Marine 1 since its acquisition in 2011. The demand for a vessel with firefighting equipment is limited in our community, but when the need arises, having such capabilities is a huge benefit to our community and region.



The picture below shows the stream of water off the bow of Marine I which reached above the tree line and well into the woods. Marine III is in the foreground at anchor. It was used by Assistant Harbormaster, Neal Nelson to meet Marine I at the scene.



Langlee Island received its annual pruning this fall. The Boston Harbor Island National Park Stewardship Program spent a day improving the natural environment by removing invasive non-native species as well as creating space for native species. Langlee Island is home to several

native plants which are locally rare, including Nantucket Shadbush (seen in the picture below). Over the next few years, Langlee is scheduled for improvements to the existing campsites as well as the creation of a picnic area and outhouse. The Harbormaster, also the Custodian of the Islands, has care and custody of the town's islands, including Langlee Island. However, it is also part of the Boston Harbor Islands National Park, enabling it to receiving the benefits of a strong devoted organization. Due to the growing popularity of this island, the Harbormaster has formalized the camping permit this year and is pursuing other improvements to protect the environment, while allowing campers and day visitors to continue to enjoy the spectacular views and unique island landscape.



This year our pumpout program exceeded any previous year in gallons of sewage waste pumped from recreational boats. A total of 40,000 gallons were pumped, with 15,909 being removed by the pumpout boat and the remaining from the shore based pumpout station, an 86% increase from last year. The pumpout boat emptied over 740 recreational boats, a 90% increase from last year. These significant increases are a result of increased pumpout requests in the shipyard due to lack of a publicly available pumpout facility. This program continues to grow in cost annually, however, the benefits to our waters will last forever.

A total of 1,507 mooring permits were issued this year. Online Mooring continues to provide online mooring renewals, new mooring submittals, and mooring management for the Harbormaster. Online mooring tracks 773 mooring permits, 548 docking permits, 186 transient moorings, and 42 moored float permits.

Marine II received new engines and a fresh coat of paint. One afternoon while performing mooring inspections off Beach Lane, an assistant harbormaster grounded the boat through a low tide cycle. This grabbed a lot of attention in town and in the media. The engines were not damaged nor was the paint job scratched. The assistant harbormaster was not injured, but learned something valuable from this experience. Anyone of any skill level can hit bottom, and if you haven't, then you haven't boated.

Your Harbormaster's Office is honored to be the waterfront representative of Hingham. Our commitment to people's safety and enjoyment of Hingham's waters is foremost. We are always open to questions and suggestions. We can be emailed at harbormaster@hingham-ma.com. If you have an emergency, dial 911, if you need immediate assistance please call public safety dispatch at 781-749-1212, otherwise, call our business line, 781-741-1450.

Sincerely,

Kenneth R. Corson III
Harbormaster/Shellfish Constable
Custodian of the Islands

Hingham Affordable Housing Trust

The Hingham Affordable Housing Trust was created by a Town Warrant Article in 2007. The Trust is one of several state-authorized affordable housing trusts that work with Massachusetts and Town agencies to preserve existing housing opportunities and increase future housing for low and moderate-income persons. Increasing the stock of affordable housing benefits many different constituencies, including Town employees without the resources to live in the Town they serve, older Hingham residents on fixed incomes, former residents seeking to return to Town, young adults raised in Hingham but unable to afford a Hingham residence, and other persons with a stake in the community and a desire to live in it. To this end, the Trust co-sponsored the 2008 article that authorized the Town's purchase of Lincoln School Apartments. The Trust is the sole member of LSA, LLC, and appoints two members to the Board of Managers.

The Trustees are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and include one member of that Board. The Trust has a range of powers, including the power to receive money and property and to undertake projects to improve affordable housing opportunities in Hingham. The Trust's mission statement is as follows:

- **The Trust seeks to preserve affordable housing through a variety of means which will benefit both current and potential new residents.**
- **The Trust will propose, support and develop affordable housing that contributes positively to the character of the town, considering both Hingham's history and its future.**
- **The Trust will engage in education and advocacy with the goal of promoting the diversity of Hingham's population.**

This past year the 80 Beal Street development added two (2) affordable housing units to the Town's inventory of affordable housing units. Looking forward to 2015, the Trust is working on the development of the Selectmen's Parcel. Town Meeting instructed the trustees to create an additional twenty to forty affordable units on the property, including a

mix of incomes. The Trust has selected Union Studios to assist with the design, engineering, and permitting services for this property. The Trust anticipates submitting and obtaining approval for a Local Initiative Program Application (LIP) from the state, including a request for a local preference. With the approval of the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Trust will proceed to work with the Town Boards to assure a quality development.

The Trust is pleased to report that in 2014, we purchased a condominium in Beal's Cove Village with CPC funds. The state has now approved our application to add this property to our inventory of affordable housing units. The Trust will market the property for sale to an eligible applicant.

The Trust appreciates the cooperation of the Board of Selectmen, the Community Preservation Committee, the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals, as well as other Town boards and officials. The Trust also appreciates input and assistance from Town citizens, all of whom are welcome to attend its meetings. Please visit the link to our website at the Town of Hingham at <http://hingham-ma.gov>.

Tim White, Chair

Kevin Connelly

Patrick Gaughen

Nancy Kerber

Dan Jacobson

Anita Comerford

Aylene Calnan

Peter Vanderweil

Paul Gannon

Necia O'Neill - Administrative Secretary

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is charged with the responsibility to review the audit process, including the annual financial statements and reports prepared by our auditors.

The FY 2014 audit for the Town is complete.

The Audit Committee reviewed The Town of Hingham's audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 and met with both the Board of Selectmen and Powers & Sullivan, the Town of Hingham's independent registered public accounting firm, to discuss those financial statements.

The Audit Committee also reviewed the following Powers & Sullivan reports: (i) its report included in the Town of Hingham's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014 related to its audit of the financial statements of the Town of Hingham; (ii) its consideration of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting; and (iii) its federally mandated single audit report.

The Committee met five times over the course of the year.

Edwin Gillis, Chair
George Alexakos
George Danis
Josh Gregory
Jason Ryan

Bare Cove Park Committee

The Bare Cove Park Committee meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM at Town Hall. The Town of Hingham's website has information about the Park, including meeting minutes, a printable map, dog etiquette, rules and regulations, a photo gallery, a listing of Committee members and information on the history the Park. Agendas for upcoming meetings are posted at Town Hall and available on-line in the Events Calendar.

Winter came in late January and it was extremely cold and snowy. Park Ranger Scott McMillan was busy trying to keep the paths in the park clear but it got to the point that the pickup truck couldn't keep up with the record snowfall. Bare Cove Park did have to be closed for a number of days because the Town of Hingham had to use their resources in other areas. Hundreds of visitors come to the Park each day and Ranger Scott does an incredible job maintaining the 484 acres year-round.

Eagle Scout candidate Chris Johnson worked his magic in transforming the Triangle Garden into a place of beauty and a landmark that delights visitors. Chris spent many hours as part of his Eagle Scout project weeding, pruning and trimming the plants within the garden. He also built a gate and spread a large amount of mulch throughout the garden. Chris enlisted the help of his parents and other volunteers and they did a wonderful job.



*New gate in the Triangle Garden courtesy of
Chris Johnson and his Eagle Scout project*

The *Hingham Naval Ammunition Depot Memorabilia Display* at the Dock House has proven to be a popular attraction. It is open once a month from April through October and staffed by Ranger Scott.

In early October Bare Cove Park was one of the South Shore sites for the filming of an independent movie "Good Kids." The park was full of equipment, but was left in great shape and the "Friends of Bare Cove Park" fund received a generous donation from the film crew.

Our neighbor, South Shore Conservatory, held its annual "Rhythm Run" in the Park in May and is planning this year's event for June, 2015.



Derby Academy's Cross Country team continues to train here, and call Bare Cove Park "home" for their Fall meets. Our annual fund-raiser, *Marathon Sports End of Summer Classic Road Race*, was held on August 22nd and was another fun and successful event. This year's race saw fewer runners participating in the 3-mile and 5-mile events, so the BCP

committee has established a Liaison to work with John Childs in helping to promote and coordinate the Classic. This event is very important to BCP and some actions were taken to boost the turnout.

The net proceeds of \$5,500 were donated to the *Friends of Bare Cove Park* gift account. The post-race festivities in 2014 were held in the park. Many thanks to John Childs, his *Old Colony Running Events* team, sponsors, and volunteers! Bare Cove Park has also been the beneficiary of other donations, and the pictured bench is a great representation of how those donations are used.



We are fortunate to have Hingham Animal Control Officer Leslie Badger in the Park on a regular basis. She continues to educate dog owners and enforce the law to ensure that Bare Cove Park is safe and enjoyable for all visitors.

Bare Cove Park is a wildlife sanctuary and a place for public recreation. It offers exceptional areas of tidal river shoreline, wetland, open fields, dense woods, and diverse animal and plant life. Come on over any day between dawn and dusk and experience it for yourself – it's simply amazing!

Committee Members: Bob Smaldone (Chair), Jim Nowicki (Vice-Chair), Ted Matthews (Treasurer), Shirley Rydell (Secretary), Dewitt DeLawter, Tom Burbank, Susan Kains, Rik Johnson and Ranger Scott McMillan.

Trustees of the Bathing Beach

Once again, new and returning people enjoyed our beautiful beach during the lovely summer of 2014.

We also had many fine-feathered friends return (Canada Geese), or enemies, as they might be considered by those who have the chore of cleaning up to make the beach user friendly. The Trustees have started a spraying project to rid the harbor of the geese. The project will continue, depending on weather, in February or March. This method of removing the geese is not harmful to wildlife, pets or humans and worked very well last season.

The Beach Stabilization project funded by the CPC and completed under the supervision of Town Engineer Roger Fernandes, includes a stone wall that will be finished off with plantings above the wall. On-going projects are the Bathhouse/Snack Shop, the stabilization of the parking lot and a Beach Management Plan.

Many annual events take place over the course of the year, including the Farmers' Market, Touch-a-Truck and the Christmas Tree sale plus picnics and weddings.

Thank you to the DPW for all their hard work in keeping the beach area well manicured and free of trash. Thanks also to the Harbormaster for putting in the swimlines and the raft and to the Lifeguards for watching out for the safety of the swimmers.

Trustees of the Bathing Beach

Edward Johnson

Alan Perrault

Joan P. Williams

Hingham Beautification Commission

The Hingham Beautification Commission completed its tenth year of helping to maintain the beauty of Hingham!

Commission members spent about 200 hours this past year in planning, designing, and maintaining traffic islands and containers throughout town. The Commission began formal meetings in April. This was a fun year with the planning of the new large traffic island known as Thaxter St. island located on Thaxter St. in West Hingham. This was quite a project as the old plantings first needed to be removed. The soil was then amended, new plantings carefully chosen which are drought tolerant and could coexist with some of the plants we were able to save, and finally planting the "new" empty space. The DPW was extremely helpful in helping us complete this project. The Thaxter St. island then needed watering every other day during the very dry spring and summer. The owners of Tedeschi's convenience store were generous to let us use their water! There are now eleven garden sites throughout Hingham maintained by the HBC as well as several container "gardens" designed, decorated, and maintained throughout the various seasons.



*L-R: Patsy Bray, Maura Graham, Rose Durkin,
Suzanne Harnden and Jerry Elsden*

The Commission formally meets once a month at the Town Hall from April to November. Our physical labor keeps us busy throughout the spring, summer, and fall. There is a Gift Account to which donations can be made by local businesses and individuals who wish to support the Hingham Beautification Commission.

Three board members, Jerry Elsden, Alyce Nobis, and Margaret Taylor, stepped down at the conclusion of 2014 although they continue

to serve the HBC as volunteers.

Laura Spaziani, Chair.	Margaret Coleman	Suzanne Harnden
Carolyn Aliski	Rose Durkin	Deborah Hayes
Patricia Bray	Maura Graham	Diane Morrison

Cable TV Advisory Committee

The Committee in 2014 continued to focus on improving programming for the Education Channel (Comcast Channel 22 and Verizon Channel 29). The Committee prepared and recommended to the Board of Selectmen for approval a supplemental agreement with Hingham Community Access & Media Corporation ("H-CAM"), a non-profit Public Access corporation established by the Town in 2011, to program and operate the Education Channel. The contract was approved by the Board of Selectmen and took effect on October 30, 2014. Under this agreement, H-CAM has hired a full-time Educational Access Coordinator who works with school community members to develop and produce original programming for the Education Channel. H-CAM manages playback of all content for the Channel through the digital video server, including programming provided to it for broadcast by the School Department and student-created programming, as well as the programming developed and produced by the Educational Access Coordinator. In addition, H-CAM maintains the Education Channel Bulletin Board, and operates and maintains broadcast and production equipment for the Channel.

The subscriber revenues provided by Comcast and Verizon are used to fund this Education Channel partnership. The subscriber revenues were also used in 2014 to fund a television production class at Hingham High School. These funds come from the 4.2 per cent of Hingham cable subscriber revenues which Comcast and Verizon pay to the Town under the terms of their franchise agreements. This money can only be used to support Public, Educational, and Government ("PEG") Access cable television, and is not available for the General Fund.

In addition, in 2014 a lecture hall (Room 103) at the Hingham High School was equipped for recording programming for the Education Channel. This room can be used by teachers to record lectures, for meetings, by school clubs, and for other presentations. Cable capital funds were used to equip this lecture hall. These funds are separate from the subscriber revenues. They were provided by Comcast and Verizon in consideration for the ten-year franchises granted to them by the Town. They are kept in a separate account and used by the Town for capital expenditures related to the PEG channels. For example, they have been used to install robotic cameras and related equipment in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, other Committee meeting rooms in Town Hall, and the School Committee meeting room.

A major improvement to the broadcast quality for all three PEG channels in 2014 was made possible by the purchase and installation of a new video playback server which serves all three channels. The server is located in Town Hall. The new system is remotely accessible and manageable. It has many technological improvements over the old server that has enhanced all three channels. For example, the station logo can now be shown on the screen, as well as information on what content the viewer is watching. The process of making program assets playback-ready has been simplified, and programming can now be scheduled further out than one week, which was a limitation of the old system. The Committee recommended and the Board of Selectmen approved the expenditure from cable capital funds for this new server.

Sandra Peavey, Chair
Eric Connerly
John Rice
Sky Thaxter
David Jones
Katy Gallagher-Wooley, School Rep.
Robert Kirk, H-CAM Representative



H-CAM at work around town.



Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is comprised of nine people, six of whom are appointed by and from the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board, the Historical Commission, the Housing Authority, the Recreation Commission, and the Board of Selectmen, and three of whom are citizens at large, one appointed by the Board of Selectmen and two by the Moderator. The Committee reviews applications submitted by town bodies and citizens for funding projects involving preservation of historic resources, creation of low and moderate income housing, acquisition of open space, and recreation. The CPC makes recommendations to Town Meeting regarding the use of the Town's Community Preservation Fund for those purposes. The CPC is assisted by Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer, who provides technical oversight on construction projects and assistance in analyzing grant requests. Carol Costello, Administrative Assistant to the Town Engineer, provides administrative support to the CPC on a part-time basis.

The Town obtains community preservation funds from a 1.5% surtax on Town real estate taxes (effective July 1, 2001), State matching grants payable each November 15th based on the surtax revenues for the fiscal year ending the prior June 30th, and interest on the accumulated funds. The total amount collected by the Town Community Preservation Fund for the year ended June 30, 2014 is approximately \$825K from local taxes and \$275K from the State match. The Community Preservation Act requires that at least 10% of each year's Community Preservation revenues be spent or set aside for each of the three Community Resource categories, i.e., Historic Preservation, Community Housing, and Open Space. The remaining 70% is available for spending on any one or more of the categories, including recreational projects, as the Committee and Town Meeting see fit.

The CPC reviewed 22 proposed projects in 2014 for a total request of more than \$4.6 million. After due diligence, the Committee recommendations to the Advisory Committee and the Board of Selectmen included: 6 open space/recreation projects, 5 historic preservation projects, 2 housing projects, and 1 administrative allocation. As required by the CPA legislation, the unexpended amount of the past and current reserve for affordable housing projects was allocated to a reserve for future affordable housing projects. A total of \$1.4 million was recommended and approved by the 2014 Annual Town Meeting for the following projects.

Open Space Acquisitions and Recreation projects included:

- An allocation to the Conservation Fund
- Comprehensive Trails Plan
- Purchase of land owned by Boy Scout Troop 4
- Additional funds for the Whitney Wharf Bridge
- Bathing Beach Stabilization
- Cordage Factory Head House, i.e., the Rec Barn



Grand Opening of Bradley Woods Playground
Sept 2014 – CPA funded in 2013



CPC promotes mega fish in Cushing Pond
Sam Taylor proudly displays his catch of the day!

Historic Preservation projects included:

- Girl Scout House preservation and restoration
- Old Colony Lodge roof replacement
- Second Parish Handicapped Access design
- Ames Chapel preservation and rehabilitation

Affordable Housing projects included:

- Selectmen's Parcel design
- Hingham Affordable Housing Trust Opportunity Funding Program

Finally, an administrative allocation was made to cover staff and operating costs of the CPC.

The Committee wishes to thank Sally Weston for her many years of service and welcomes new member Tony Kiernan. Finally, deep appreciation and thanks are extended to Town Engineer Roger Fernandes and CPC Administrator Carol Costello for their tireless efforts on behalf of the CPC.

Bob Curley, Chair (Historical Rep.)
Matt Zieper, Vice Chair (Moderator's Appt.)
Vicki Donlan (Recreation Rep.)
Tony Kiernan (Moderator's Appt.)
Irma Lauter (Selectmen's Rep.)
Scott McIsaac (Conservation Rep.)
Kathleen Peters (Selectmen's Appt.)
Gary Tondorf-Dick (Planning Rep.)
James R. Watson (Housing Rep.)

Carol Costello, CPC Administrator
Roger Fernandes, Town Engineer

Country Club Management Committee

In 2014, The South Shore Country Club's (the "SSCC") professional staff, Jay McGrail, Director of Operations, Christopher Riley, Golf Professional and Jake Silva, Golf Course Superintendent, continued our committee's efforts to improve our facilities, services and grounds and to expand and enhance the recreational offerings of the SSCC. Below is an overview of our current operations:

Golf: This operation continues to be the "cornerstone" of the SSCC. With more than 40,000 rounds of golf played on our course this year, our golf operations are the largest portion of the SSCC operating budget; and our main source of revenue. Last year, as part of our five-year capital investment program and our ongoing bunker rehabilitation plan, the bunkers adjacent to our 2nd and 18th greens were dug out and redone and an entirely new fairway bunker was also installed on the 18th fairway. Our golf course improvement plans for this year include further bunker renovations and cart path upgrades.

This year's golf course plans also include the continuation of our successful member tournaments and civic and charity golf outings. In addition, we are preparing to host the Massachusetts Golf Association's Senior Amateur Qualifier, in August; the second round of the Southeast Amateur Tournament, in October; and the Woman's Golf Association of Massachusetts' Stone Cup Tournament, in late October. These three prestigious state amateur golf events are further recognition of the high-regard the golf community holds for our golf course.

Swimming Pool: The growth in swimming activities, the doubling of family memberships and the increase in daily fee users at the SSCC swimming pool' over the past five years, reflect, not only the CCMC financial commitment to the pool and its surrounding deck area, but also, our efforts, with the assistance of our partner in the SSCC pool operations, The South Shore YMCA, to improve the swimming activities and programs offered in the summer months. Our pool deck area has been upgraded, our swim lesson offerings have been expanded and our swim team has been revitalized, over the past few years, and we believe this has improved the family swimming experience at the SSCC pool.

The SSCC pool has been serving as our community swimming pool for many years and, at some point, it will require a significant investment in its structure and maintenance, if we are to continue to operate it as our community swimming pool for many years to come. The CCMC recently

hired engineers to examine the pool facilities and to advise us of what needs to be done. One of our goals for this year is to determine what should be done for the pool and, if appropriate, develop a long-term plan

Bowling: Our ten-lane candlepin bowling alley represents a positive recreational opportunity for individuals of all ages and abilities. Action in the “Alley” increases considerably during the fall and winter months, when our golf course activities slow down. Currently we have 8 leagues and hundreds of bowlers utilizing the Alley. Never the less, we still have room to accommodate more bowlers and we are looking to add leagues and increase our “walk-in” bowlers. Our bowling facilities are available for children’s birthday parties and adult and corporate parties, as well as open bowling for families, after school and on the weekends. We anticipate that our candlepin bowling operation will continue to be a significant contributor to the SSCC’s recreational offering and revenues for many years.



Restaurant and Catering: Raffael’s & The Greenside Grille (an SSCC concessionaire) had a record year, in 2014, its fifth full year in business, at the SSCC. Hingham families and families from our neighboring communities are recognizing the benefits of dining on our patio, in the summer, and year-around in our Greenside Grille; or holding their weddings, corporate functions. Bereavements and other gatherings, in the SSCC’s restaurant and function facilities. In March, of 2014, The Greenside Grille changed its concept to combine the atmosphere of an upscale tavern with that of an American gastro-pub. Enhancements to the food and beverage offerings, in 2014, also improved our patron’s dining experience and received high-praise from the regional restaurant review TV program, “The Phantom Gourmet”.

Also, in 2014, The Club Room, a multi-use conference and private dining space, able to accommodate up to 30 guests for a variety of functions, was opened and a new, replacement Pavilion Tent, with French-door

style walls and up-light, sheer canopy interior was installed, to better serve our wedding and event customers.

Golf Simulators: In the fall of 2011, the SSCC entered into a revenue sharing program with Evergreen Golf, for the use of three “state of the art” golf simulators and we began a new business venture “The Tour”. This year we extended this arrangement for another three years and installed upgraded golf simulator equipment, including updated computer software, new cameras and new hitting surfaces, all of which make the simulators even more realistic and enjoyable for our golfers. The Tour continues to be ideal for year round daily play, instructional golf clinics, parties and off-season practice.

Tennis: The SSCC has three asphalt tennis courts that are open to the public year-round. While we value all of our recreational offerings, we have not focused on, or invested in, our tennis courts, in recent years, because they have not been a significant revenue source for us. However, we now hope to renovate these courts, through a Community Preservation Committee grant and SSCC fund and significantly increase their usage. When the renovation work is completed, we expect to expand our tennis offerings, through a joint venture with the Hingham Recreation Commission.

In 2014, the tennis courts received more of our attention, because of their role in a new program we consider very important. In July, we hosted the first Hingham Special Needs Athletic Partnership summer program. This program consisted of participants playing tennis, bowling and golfing. From all reports the program was a success, and will be continued. We look forward to hosting this program again this summer and hope to be able to do so on new tennis courts.

Finally, the CCMC would like to recognize Kerry Ryan, Kathleen Curley and Terry Clarke, who have recently concluded their years of service on the CCMC, for their commitment and service to the SSCC and the Town of Hingham. We would also like to congratulate Joe Keefe, our long time PGA golf professional, who retired in 2014, after many years of service.

The Country Club Management Committee
William Friend, Chairman
Scott Peterson
Paul Casey
Rod Gaskell
John Bailey

Development and Industrial Commission

The Development and Industrial Commission was established to promote Hingham as an attractive location for new business, to retain and expand our valued existing businesses and to encourage economic development consistent with the Master Plan.

Our committee serves to assist, counsel, and inform on the merits of planned economic growth for the benefit of the residents of Hingham, the Board of Selectmen, other Town Boards and Departments, existing businesses and businesses proposing to move to or expand in Hingham.



Hingham Shipyard during WWII

In 2014, the commission focused on several initiatives including: 1) Promoting Hingham as a destination for business 2) Encouraging community outreach and support 3) Supporting existing local businesses.

Promoting Hingham as a destination for business

- Worked with the Community Planning Department to secure state approval for South Shore Park's inclusion in the 43D program.
- Studied office inventory and undeveloped parcels in South Hingham.
- Continued an effort to connect the waterfront with the downtown.
- Explored economic development grant opportunities with the Metropolitan Area Planning Council
- Participated in the So. Shore Chamber of Commerce's development of a strategic plan to expand the region's economic base.



Encouraging community outreach and support

- Partnered with the Hingham Downtown Association to host a Lincoln Building informational meeting for local businesses.
- The Development and Industrial Commission continues to support and work closely with the South Shore Chamber of Commerce, the Hingham Business Council, the Hingham Downtown Association, and the numerous property owners and businesses in Hingham.

- HDIC Representatives participated on the Hingham Harbor Task Force, the South Hingham Study Group, the Hingham Comprehensive Trails Committee, and the Hingham Accessory Dwelling Committee.

Supporting existing local businesses

- Continued longstanding support for the Farmer's Market. The HDIC is pleased that the Market continued to thrive and grow in 2014.
- Contributed to the Hingham Comprehensive Trails Committee effort to further use walking and biking trails to connect public transportation and business centers with residential, education and recreation areas.
- Discussions with the owners of numerous properties in downtown Hingham that are in various stages of development. Updates were provided throughout the year on the status of the Lincoln Building in Hingham Square, the Building 19 warehouse on 3A, and the Settles Glass site on North Street. The Commission will continue to meet with these owners and others during 2015 to encourage and promote economic growth and development.
- Ongoing work for the HDIC in 2014 included: Developing Wayfaring Signage for the Town; affecting the change in MBTA service to include West Hingham Station; and completing the underground wiring connections and removal of the light poles on North Street between Station Street and the Harbor.

The commission is committed to continue focusing on these core initiatives as they are meant to guide town policies. We will collaborate with community and stakeholders on specific programs to grow the economy and together we will work to make Hingham a great place to work, live, and grow a business.

Finally, many thanks are due to all who gave generously of their time and expertise, and who collaborated in various ways to support the HDIC. These include the dedicated HDIC members, the wonderful folks at the Community Planning Department at Town Hall as well as the support of the many other Hingham Boards and Commissions. Additionally, the Board of Selectmen provided support for the Commission throughout the year.

We encourage residents, property owners, and businesses to attend and participate at our meetings. The Commission usually meets at 7:00pm on the second Wednesday of each month in Town Hall.

Greg Lane, Chair
Mary Ann Blackmur

Eileen Richards
Sue Sullivan
Nanette Walsh

Scott Peterson
Kevin Ellis

Department Of Elder Services

"The Hingham Department of Elder Services is the town focal point for the delivery of services to Hingham's population 60 and older. Its mission is to support the independence of Hingham's senior citizens, advocate for their needs and enhance the quality of their lives. In an atmosphere of respect for the older adult, the Department of Elder Services coordinates programs and services to encourage self-reliance, good health and community involvement."

The Outreach Program remains a vital link for older adults and family members who need assistance sorting through the myriad of programs and services and in accessing the most appropriate services to enable an older adult to continue to live at home. The Outreach Coordinator also works very closely with the Police, Fire and Health Departments on cases of mutual concern, and oftentimes remains as the link for these cases. The Outreach Program also continues to assist individuals with minor home repairs; the completion of benefit application forms, including the applications for the Low Income Energy Assistance Program for all Hingham residents regardless of age; and understanding the wide range of options available for the Medicare D program.

Transportation continues to be one of the most critical services provided by the Department. Transportation helps older adults to remain independent in the community and provides a way for individuals to grocery shop, attend the Senior Center, accomplish necessary errands, get to and from medical appointments, and take local trips of interest. During 2014, 5008 trips were provided to 508 different individuals.

Discovery, the Lifelong Learning Program, offered many different educational programs of interest to older adults during the spring and fall months. Overseen by a committee of volunteers, the Lifelong Learning Program continues to grow in numbers and popularity. Matter of Balance, an evidence-based program that provides education and practical tips to help prevent falls, continues to be offered on a twice a year basis.

Throughout the year, the Council on Aging and Elder Services staff continued the revision of the Department's Strategic Plan. The final draft of the plan will be completed during the first quarter of 2015, and there will be a period of comment for the public through Community Forums.

As the year closed, our Social Work Intern from Bridgewater University and Program Coordinator were busy coordinating volunteer students to provide snow shoveling for older adults. We appreciate the generosity of time that these students are willing to volunteer and hope that their services won't be needed during the upcoming winter months.

The Department of Elder Services would not be able to function without the many volunteers who provide a wide range of services and programs to the Senior Center. During 2014, these volunteers numbered 142 and worked 10,454 hours. We would also like to thank all the organizations who provided programs at the Senior Center, and all the other Town Departments who work with us to ensure that seniors are safe and comfortable in their own homes.

At this time we would like to introduce our student intern, Kathleen Wheaton, who is pursuing a Bachelors Degree in Social Work from Bridgewater University. Finally, we would like to thank retiring Council on Aging members Norma Jackson. Norma worked hard on behalf of Hingham's older adults and we will miss her wonderful sense of humor.

Barbara Farnsworth, Director
Gretchen Condon, Chairman
Beth Rouleau, Vice Chairman
Joan Iovino, Secretary
Dawn Sibor, Treasurer
Gail Faring
Edward Ford
June Freedman
Chrisanne Gregoire
Debra Hoffman
Dick Ponte
Leslie Vickers



Ginny Harvey receiving the Earle Dare Mable Award from State Representative Jamie Murphy for her outstanding commitment to enhance the quality of life for senior members of the community.

Electronic Voting Study Committee

Hingham established a Government Study Committee in 2010. That Committee was intrigued by the idea of electronic voting (E-voting) at Town Meetings. In 2012 it recommended a Warrant Article to establish a study committee that would investigate the cost and feasibility of E-voting for Hingham Town Meetings. The 2013 Annual Town Meeting (ATM) approved the Article and the Committee was established. The Committee spent considerable time gathering data about E-voting. Members attended the Town Meetings of Wayland and Duxbury to witness E-voting at ATM; witnessed demonstrations by two vendors; held a public hearing at which a vendor demonstrated its system; considered reports of committees in other Towns and videos of E-voting; researched on-line as many potential vendors from the audience response industry as it could identify; and communicated with the towns that had adopted, rejected, or were still considering E-voting. By the Spring of 2014 the Committee had examined 29 towns. Twelve towns had adopted E-voting, including three towns with open town meetings (OTM), Duxbury, Wayland, and Westboro. The populations of those towns are 15K, 13K, and 18K, respectively. Amherst, with a representative town meeting (RTM), and Westwood, with an OTM, had considered and rejected E-voting for cost reasons. Other than Duxbury, Wayland and Westboro, the towns that have adopted E-voting have RTMs. We have since learned that Belmont (RTM) adopted E-voting last Spring, and Andover (OTM) has an article in its 2015 ATM Warrant proposing the adoption of E-voting. OpTech had been the vendor of the systems used by all towns, except Billerica which used Qwizdom, and Belmont which used Turning Technologies. Billerica implemented E-voting in 2012, and may have been the first town to do so. Belmont (RTM) implemented E-voting at its 2014 ATM.

The Committee identified privacy, accuracy and efficiency as the benefits of E-voting. It proposed two Articles for inclusion in the Warrant for the 2014 ATM: (1) amend the By-Laws to permit E-voting at the discretion of the Moderator, and (2) appropriate a relatively small amount for a trial at the 2015 ATM at which the Committee would have an Article to adopt E-voting as a permanent part of Town Meetings at a specific cost. Both Articles passed.

The Committee had concluded that putting a precise value on the benefits of E-voting was not possible, but it identified appropriate factors and parameters to consider. The current cost of an ATM is about \$25K; an STM adds about another \$15K. The Committee looked at the

Hingham ATMs and STMs going back to 1998 and noted the metrics, including number of sessions, number of voters at each session, number of total votes, number of standing votes and number of ballot votes.

With the Chief Procurement Officer, the Committee put together a request for proposals (RFP), advertised it and sent it to all potential vendors it had identified. Ultimately twenty potential vendors received RFPs, but only two submitted responses: OpTech and Turning Technologies. The Committee considered the proposal of OpTech to be thorough and responsive to the RFP. But the cost was a problem; mainly because at Hingham Town Meetings attendance can be quite high, but it is also quite variable. At four of the past six meetings, Hingham had attendance of 2,300, 2,000, 1,800, and 1,500, but the average attendance dating back to 1998 is 764 voters. Moreover, Hingham ATMs almost always have extended into at least two sessions. Ultimately, the Committee decided that if the Town were to do E-voting correctly, it would need enough hand-held devices to cover the historically largest turnout with some additional devices as a margin of error. Unfortunately, the number of hand-helds is a significant driver of the cost, as is the number of sessions. The Committee looked again at how frequently Hingham experienced counted votes. Going back to 1998, Hingham has had 870 deciding votes, with only 30 standing votes (3.4%) and 5 ballot votes (0.6%). Hingham, then, could not be included among the towns that adopted E-voting as a necessary time-saver because those towns have so many counted votes. The Committee also noted that the Town has been blessed with exceptional moderators and voters. The result has been a very civil atmosphere at Hingham Town Meetings. By contrast, some towns have adopted E-voting in an attempt to change or tone down a fractious atmosphere at Town Meetings.

Ultimately, the Committee decided it could not provide E-voting the way it wanted to at a cost it could recommend to the 2015 ATM in light of all the factors it considered. It recommended that the Chief Procurement Officer not accept either proposal for E-voting. It has also requested of the Selectmen that the Article the Committee originally proposed for insertion in the 2015 Warrant be withdrawn and a new Article substituted that would rescind the action taken under Article 21 of the Warrant for the 2014 ATM which provided funds for a pilot program or trial of E-voting at the 2015 ATM.

Andrew McElaney, Chair
Charles Clapp
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Energy Action Committee

Mission: To serve the residents and commercial enterprises of the Town of Hingham by helping to establish energy policies and measures that will promote the efficient use of energy and reduce adverse environmental impact, and by taking measures to increase awareness of energy issues.

Work Product: The Energy Action Committee, successor to the Energy Policy Committee, identifies, promotes, and helps implement energy savings opportunities for municipal and community-wide operations and residences, and raises energy awareness on issues of concern to Town residents.

Work Agenda: Monthly meetings and periodic reporting to the Board of Selectmen to solicit feedback on suggested policies and structure.

In 2014, the Committee:

- continued evaluating and implementing energy saving opportunities at Hingham Public Library, Town Offices, South Shore Country Club, Hingham Fire Department, and the Hingham Schools. Projects require continuous evaluation and improvement, spanning years, and entail detailed measurements of lighting output, HVAC management and temperature setback, boiler pump and heating system evaluation, insulation evaluation, and building HVAC efficiency using CO2 concentration measurements, and involved meeting with various constituencies to move energy conservation opportunities forward. Estimated savings from the implementations so far are over \$30,000 per year.

- evaluated various government-sponsored energy programs, such as the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources' Municipal Lighting Plant Energy Efficiency Program, to determine effectiveness and applicability to Hingham.

- authored and/or sponsored multiple articles in the Hingham Journal, alerting Town residents to various energy initiatives in the Town and raising general awareness of energy issues.

- conducted a successful pilot program distributing LED bulbs at the East School by partnering with the Hingham Municipal Light Plant and the

East School's Green Committee, where the Light Plant sponsored sales of LED bulbs with proceeds benefiting the East School.

-reached out to neighboring Town energy committees to learn from their experiences and to evaluate opportunities for coordination on energy saving initiatives.

-prepared for and met with the Selectmen on funding various energy savings opportunities, including expenditures for lighting and other improvements at the South Shore Country Club.

-hosted showings and moderated discussions of the prize winning energy options documentary film *Switch* at Linden Ponds and at the Loring Theater, which was made available thanks to the generosity of the David Scott family, while the Hingham Municipal Light Plant donated 150 LED light bulbs to attendees at the Loring presentation, to raise energy awareness and to lead public discussions on the implications of energy policy and choices on the environment.

-with Fire Department Chief Duff, performed efficiency walk-through of the central fire station and the two substations, and determined that lighting efficiency could be improved at the substations, and an upgrade of the heating system at the central station should be evaluated.

Goals for 2015:

- Continue to pursue energy savings possibilities in municipal buildings.
- Secure earmarked funds to allow for targeted sponsorship of energy savings projects with short payback periods.
- Expand LED distribution program based on pilot results.
- Evaluate solar opportunities in Hingham and pursue opportunities.
- Continue reach-out to neighboring towns for learning opportunities and potential coordination on energy saving initiatives
- Continue to educate the residents and businesses of Hingham about energy issues and savings opportunities.

Any individuals interested in serving on the committee or offering expertise on energy related matters are encouraged to contact us through energy@hingham-ma.com

The Committee would also like to express its thanks to those Departments with whom the Committee has worked over the past year, and express its hopes that, as it continues with these energy saving initiatives, various Town Departments that stand to benefit cooperate and assist the Committee with its work, as nothing could be accomplished without Departmental support.

Energy Action Committee:

John Bewick

Ken Brown

Scott Cyr

Otto Harling

Paul Heanue, Hingham Municipal Light Plant

Ben Kerman

Brad E. Moyer, Chair

School Business Director ex-officio

Town Administrator ex-officio



The Hingham 4th of July Parade Committee is pleased to report on its highly successful activities in 2014 resulting in another vibrant and patriotic Parade enjoyed by everyone - despite the rainy weather! This year's theme - America the Beautiful - celebrated the natural splendor of the country, starting with our own home town. From the many floats to the entries by Hingham's 5th graders in the button design contest, appreciation for the beauty of Hingham was on display.

Parade participants, volunteers and spectators showed special dedication to the Parade this year because heavy rains were predicted all morning on the 4th - since there is no rain date, the show must go on!! The threat of rain, however, did not diminish the effort that went into creating great floats and bands. The Worcester Brass Band and the Firehouse Dixie Band were new additions to the event this year. And although there were slightly fewer floats this year due to the weather, all 23 floats that participated were warmly received, and the judges ultimately settled on the following awards:

- Most Unique – Farmer's Market
- Most Patriotic – RD Corp
- Most Beautiful – Hingham Little League
- Best in Parade – Hingham Girl's Hockey

Although the focus of our activities is ultimately the big day itself, the Parade is the culmination of a number of less public activities by the Committee in the months, weeks, days – and sometimes hours – leading up to the event. Within a few weeks after the Parade's conclusion, committee members meet to evaluate the content, conduct and organization of the recent event itself, with safety as a

primary concern, and then start planning improvements for the coming year.

Work on the 2014 Parade began in earnest in late 2013 under Chairman Jim Murphy. We welcomed new members to the Committee, and discussed the selection of this year's Parade theme. After consideration of input from supporters through the Committee's Facebook page and various notes sent to the Committee, we decided on "America the Beautiful" and let the elementary schools know. The Art Teachers at East, South, Foster and Plymouth River Schools set their students about designing a 2014 Parade button.

After the 5th graders had the chance to create a button design based on the theme, the Committee had the pleasure (and difficulty) of selecting



Button Contest Winner Gretchen Brown with her mother and Parade Committee Chair Jim Murphy.

the winning button, an activity that brings out the artist in all the members. The winning entry was by Gretchen Brown, a 5th grader from East School where Mr. Bliss is the art teacher. She was rewarded with a beautiful commemorative plaque from Aisling Gallery and a place of honor in the Parade cortege. In addition, she and the 2013 winner, Sophie Spielberger, offered comments at the ceremony to HCAM-TV, which was present to film an episode in its Getting to Know series, featuring the Parade Committee and its fundraising and organizational activities.

The Committee then turned its attention to selecting a Grand Marshal for the Parade. Each year there are several worthy candidates who have made a big contribution to the lives of Hingham residents, and this year was no different. The Committee was pleased to select Tom "Hoffy" Hoffman, a Hingham resident with over 30 years of (*over*-)active volunteering, including weekly service at the Hingham Interfaith Food Pantry, serving as President of both Hingham Youth Football and the Hingham Sports Partnership, and significant fundraising for veterans' and

many other worthy causes. He was a terrific choice and has since become an enthusiastic member of the Parade Committee!



Marshal Tom Hoffman, and his wife Deb, with their personal bagpiper, Mike McCarthy.

The Committee had discussed for several years the need to create a logo for the Parade so that people can easily identify fundraising and other publicity materials. Committee member Deanna Costa led the effort using a highly creative technique that created a competition among graphic artists around the world, through social media. A fabulous winning design soon emerged and it was used throughout the 2014 fundraising campaign. The Committee hopes that the Parade logo will help the community easily identify all Parade-related activities.

With these important activities completed, we got down to business to raise the funds needed to host a great Parade! The first major fundraiser of the season was the Parade's 5th Silent Auction, held at Black Rock Country Club on May 2nd. Jason Caine again led the organization of the auction, with key support from Melissa Caine, Mary Ellen Carlisle, Deanna Costa, Cyndy Tonucci and Carrie Murphy. As always, local businesses stepped up with a broad selection of donations covering their services and products, and a special Chef Experience with Paul Wahlberg! So thank you to our merchants for their important contribution to the evening's success, to the management and staff at Black Rock Country Club for their hospitality, and to the many friends and Hingham citizens who attended and contributed financially to the evening's success.

The Committee also continued last year's highly successful "50 Flags Campaign", in which volunteers place 50 U.S. flags on house lawns for a donation of \$50. The flags, which remained on lawns for about a week (or more!), were a terrific way for people to show their support of our servicemen and women, and to match their pride in the Parade with a financial contribution. About 60 households participated. Thank you to all who participated in this event that provided wonderful reminders of patriotism across all corners of Hingham. We expect this effort to continue to grow in 2015, and we hope to have community youth volunteers for this effort.



50 Flags gracing the lawn of the Veterans House on Fort Hill Street.

Our Button-selling fundraiser was, as always, in the expert hands of Committee member Ginny Gray, with assistance from Dewitt DeLawter. Every year, she and her Hingham-Hull Rotary colleagues place buttons with local merchants and at town facilities, and Ginny herself makes great efforts to attend town events to extend her selling reach. A button table at "A Taste of Hingham," the downtown food festival held in May, was a big hit – raising more than \$400 in a few hours. The Committee also sees a need to recruit the town's students to help in this effort.

This year's Selectmen's Cup Golf Tournament (produced by Jay McGrail and his fantastic team at South Shore Country Club) drew from last year's momentum to have an even better event, with great weather, and a wonderful meal under the tent at the South Shore Country Club. The celebration included a special Thank You tribute to retiring Selectman Bruce Rabuffo. Led by Jay McGrail and Jim Murphy, the scramble format offered exciting golf while also raising much-needed funds for the Parade. Paul Heanue of HMLP did a terrific job as an auctioneer for a handful of items that "added to the pot" for the Parade coffers. We had over 100 golfers and everyone had a fabulous day for a great cause.

The 2014 South Shore Four Ball was also a major fundraising success. The event, which started only a few years ago by Jay McGrail and the team at the South Shore Country Club, has grown into a challenging two-day tournament for many of the best golfers in eastern

Massachusetts! Jay and the SSCC also provide the Parade Committee with much needed Parade Day mobility in the form of golf carts, essential for the mustering of the many participants - for these efforts the Committee remains very grateful.

Our annual flyer was kindly included in a Hingham Municipal Light Plant (HMLP) mailer and issued to approximately 9,500 residences. The flyer, designed by Carrie Murphy and printed by The Ink Spot (**at no cost!**), allowed us to reach out to most of the households in Hingham with a request for donations and the latest Parade/Fourth of July news. Such support from the community and local businesses is critical to the success of the Committee's fundraising efforts.

This year, thanks to the time and talents of Deanna Costa, we used social media to publicize and organize these events – with great success. Through the Parade's Facebook page, Facebook.com/Hingham4th, supporters in the community were able to: keep tabs on Parade Committee activities, weigh in on the selection of the Parade theme, buy tickets in advance for the Silent Auction, find out about the 50 Flags Campaign, and hear about weather conditions as the 4th approached! As all learned, there is **NO RAIN DATE** for the Parade – it is what it is.

And of course, there is the big day itself. In addition to the Parade Grand Marshal Tom Hoffman, we had the honor of having the participation of both the Hingham Citizen of the Year, Doug McCaig, who has had so much to do with the establishment of the Hingham High School Crew program, and the Veteran of the Year, Ernie Sofis, a long-time commander of the American Legion Post. A long list of contributors and sponsors deserve our recognition.

We thank our own Hingham Police Department, led by the Committee's liaison, Deputy Chief Glenn Olsson, which provides seamless and unobtrusive coordination of public safety.

The list of Parade sponsors is long and impressive:

- A.W. Perry, Inc. **LEAD SPONSOR!**
- Talbots, Inc.
- McCusker-Gill, Inc.
- Aquarion Water Company
- TRACEY Environmental Consulting
- Dunkin' Donuts
- Black Rock
- South Shore Country Club

- Polaris, Inc.
- Hingham Community Center
- Pyne Keohane Funeral Homes
- Clark Communication Group
- ColorMax Graphics
- Fruit Center Marketplace
- Terry Granahan
- Hingham Harbor Mobil
- The Lauter Family
- Raffaels at SSCC
- The Rug Merchant
- South Shore Bank
- Tower of Power
- Vineyard Vines
- Aquarion Water Company, which provided water at the Parade, as well as a sponsor for The Selectmen's Cup Tournament.

Dan Leahy, General Manager of Porsche of Norwell /Audi Norwell /Volvo Village of Norwell, once again provided the stylish convertibles for the Veteran of the Year, Ernie Sofis, and the Button Design winner, Gretchen Brown. Finally, we are indebted to the many Parade Day volunteers, who provided the additional mustering supported needed to meet the needs of the Day. We hope to see all return next year to continue the tradition, and to add additional members drawn from the many active Hingham community groups.

The Veteran of the Year was initiated in 2014 by the Hingham Veterans Council. Keith Jermyn, of Hingham Veterans Services, requested if the Parade Committee would consider honoring the annual Veteran of the Year by



Banner honoring Ernie Sofis, Hingham Veteran of the Year

adding the Council's selection into the parade. The Committee happily approved this request and ColorMax Graphics developed a terrific banner to honor Ernie Sofis. After the parade, the Committee presented Mr. Sofis with the banner, as a token of our appreciation to his service to the United States of America. He said his grandchildren will love it!

The Parade Committee's Sponsor Float was created and driven in the Parade by Ross Rosano of R.W. Rosano of Cohasset, Massachusetts.

Our e-mail address is hingham4th@gmail.com. Information about past and future parades can be found on the [Parade](#) page via the Town of Hingham website, <http://www.hingham-ma.gov/> or on the Parade Committee's Facebook page www.facebook.com/Hingham4th.

If you would like to be a part of the committee or participate in the parade or golf tournament please contact Jim Murphy, 781-726-2519, or jmurphylsp@gmail.com

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Jason Caine
Carrie Murphy
Monica Conyngham
Deanna Costa
Gabby Roegner
Cyndy Tonucci
Melissa Caine
Cassie McDermott
Dan Lahiff
Christine Speilberger
Eric Dresser



One of the 22 great bands that made the day special, the 7th Regiment from CT.

Parade Photos courtesy of Crow Point Creations

Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall

In 2014, the GAR Memorial Hall got a new face lift thanks to CPC funds. Painting of the exterior of the building was completed in November.



The Hall also received a Civil War Preservation Grant from the state for \$3,200 to be matched by the Friends of the GAR account for preservation of any selected Civil War artifacts, books, pictures & flags.

All day events were held at GAR Hall for 6th graders and also for 300 High School sophomores to view the extensive display of uniforms and pictures gathered at the time of the last restoration. Veterans from WWII to veterans of present day conflicts were available to answer questions about their war experiences.

For the first year we participated in a program sponsored by University Mass Boston called "Veterans Upward Bound". This allows Veterans from the surrounding area to meet twice a year at GAR for college preparatory courses.

May 24th was Museum Day in Hingham; the GAR Memorial Hall was part of the celebration. In 2014 we opened our doors to the Hingham Cemetery who moved their paperwork into the building while the Ames Chapel undergoes renovations. We also continue the practice of



Flags restored from Civil War Grants

putting on a luncheon for Veterans and their families following the Memorial Day activities at the Town Common. The American Legion Post 120, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6053, Bare Cove Sail and Power Boat Squadron and the Hingham Militia continue to meet at the Hall on a monthly basis.

The Trustees continue the biannual Art Conservation Maintenance program to maintain the integrity of the G.A.R. collection and extend a sincere appreciation for the support and vision of our Town's Leaders in continuing the mission of our Memorial Hall.

Respectfully Submitted by the Trustees:

Scott McMillan, Chair; Art Smith, Acting Treasurer while Keith Jermyn is on Active duty, Robert Beal, Jr., Secretary

Harbor Development Committee

Access, physical improvements along the waterfront and promoting Hingham Harbor related issues continued to be the focus of the Harbor Development Committee (HDC) in 2014. The Committee expresses deep appreciation to former Chair Alan Perrault and former members Bob Mosher and John Thomas for their many years of dedicated service to the Committee's work.

The HDC met monthly through 2014. The majority of the Committee's time was spent advancing matters originally addressed in the 2007 Harbor Master Plan. To maximize efficiency of an all volunteer committee, absent assigned Town staff, individual HDC members continue to take the lead on several of our initiatives by acting as liaisons with other committees and following through on matters discussed between meetings. Selectman Irma Lauter served as the Committee's liaison with the Board of Selectmen and Bathing Beach Trustees Joan Williams, Ed Johnson and Alan Perrault joined us in several meetings to advance harbor matters of mutual interest, including geese management, beach stabilization and the Bath House/Snack Shop RFP.

The primary initiatives advanced during 2014 were:

Whitney Wharf Pedestrian Bridge – This project was allocated \$275,000 and \$40,000 in CPC funds at the 2012 and 2014 Annual Town Meetings, respectively. Our professional service team of Beals & Thomas/Polaris and Town Engineer Roger Fernandes completed engineering and survey work in the fall. Several town and state regulatory boards have issued their project permits and we await the Department of Environmental Protection's Chapter 91 license to issue an Invitation to Bid the project in March, with construction to hopefully commence in spring of 2015.

Harbor Master Plan Updating, Coordination with other Town Committees and Organizations – The HDC continues to revisit the 2007 Harbor Master Plan with the objective of confirming a consensus of the kind of Harbor setting and facilities that the town wishes to strive for going forward. In doing so the Committee continues to work with Town Planner Mary Savage Dunham and Conservation Commission Agent Abby Piersall. In late 2014 the Selectmen also chose to reconstitute the Harbor Task Force (which was very effectively active in the 2009 -2011 period) consisting of virtually all of the stakeholders with interests in/responsibility for harbor planning and its interconnection to North

Street and the downtown area. HDC will be working closely with the Task Force to update the Master Plan.

In this regard HDC also had a public meeting with State Senator Robert Hedlund, and State Representatives Garrett Bradley and James Murphy, together with Department of Conservation Resources liaison Kevin Mooney to convey to them a sense of the Master Plan and possible harbor front projects and solicit their assistance in garnering state funding for certain eligible projects. All urged the Town to consolidate the individual components of the Plan into a larger transportation and harbor infrastructure vision for planning purposes, though funding may be sought on individual pieces.

A related activity is the Sea Level Rise Study currently underway, funded by a Coastal Community Resilience Grant sought and received by Abby Piersall, to assess the Town's vulnerability to key infrastructure damage in the event of unusual wind and high tide events. Results of that study should be available in the spring of 2015 to inform HDC's 2015 warrant article for proposed engineering work to evaluate necessary repairs and possible height increases of the town owned wharves at Iron Horse Park, the POW/MIA memorial, the Mobil Station Property and Barnes I and II.

Community Rowing and Sailing Facility – Following 2013 discussions and presentations to our Committee and others of a concept proposal for a privately owned rowing and sailing center to be constructed on Barnes Wharf, the Town issued an RFP for construction and ongoing operation of such a facility. A proposal from Lincoln Maritime has been received, is being evaluated and will be the subject of a Town Meeting warrant article to consider acceptance of the proposal based on a long term lease of the Barnes Wharf property.

Hingham Boat Ramp – Prior to his fall resignation, Committee Member John Thomas continued to champion a new and improved boat ramp/launch/parking area for the inner harbor to replace its deteriorating predecessor. State officials from the Dept. of Marine Fisheries appear open to the concept of their assuming responsibility for design and funding of these new facilities. The sand management plan proposed by the Bathing Beach Trustees in a related 2015 Town Meeting warrant article is an important precursor to this activity.

Kayak/Paddle Boat Program – thanks to the tireless efforts over several years of Amy Cowan, chair of the non-profit harbor advocacy group Friends of Hingham Harbor, the town initiated a pilot program for citizen rental of kayaks and paddle boats off a new small float attached to the Town Dock. Designed and co-managed by the Recreation Commission and Harbormaster Ken Corson, the program got off to a successful start in the summer of 2014

Committee Members

William Reardon, Chairman
Paul Losordo, Vice Chairman
Edward Morris, Secretary
Eric Kachel
Edward Colbert
Brian Knies
Thomas Coveney

Kenneth Corson III (Harbormaster) ex-officio



Photo courtesy of Mark Cullings

Board of Health

The Board consists of three elected members from the community. The term of office is for three years. The Board oversees a staff of seven employees (Bruce T. Capman, R.S., Executive Health Officer, Kathleen Crowley, R.N., Public Health Nurse, Elizabeth Nee, Administrative Secretary, and Susan Sarni, Health Agent, Ann Marie Papasodero, Health Clerk, and William Peterson, Food Inspector.

It was a bitter sweet year which included the retirements of our 10 year Administrative Secretary veteran, Carol Ford and our past Board of Health member and Medical Director Anita Barry, M.S. We were very fortunate to be able to fill these vacancies with two excellent individuals Elizabeth Nee, our newly hired Administrative Secretary and Elizabeth Eldredge, M.D., Medical Director for the Board of Health.

The Board of Health's jurisdiction and responsibilities include such activities as adult immunization clinics which includes elderly homebound residents, blood pressure monitoring and health assessments, Title 5 Septic System approvals, food establishment licensing and inspections, surface water quality enforcement, recycling and dumpster regulations, Fats, Oil and Grease regulations (FOG), tobacco control program, rabies control, West Nile Virus surveillance, local and regional emergency planning and response, Right-to-Know enforcement, septic system approval and inspection, Body Art licensing, communicable disease investigation and management, Recycling licensing, communicable disease surveillance and response, recreational camps for children licensing, regulating the keeping of animals and fowl, tanning salon licensing, building permit review, subdivision review, private well permitting, housing code compliance and much more.

In response to a growing regional and State opioid epidemic, the Health Department joined multiple town departments and officials to establish the Hingham Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition. The mission of the coalition is to foster a strong and inclusive community that encourages a healthy lifestyle and informed and responsible and responsible choices about drug and alcohol use.

This year the Board of Health took a stand with respect to multi-unit housing and the environmental impact it would upon Hingham's water supply. The challenge was to require a 40B proposal to meet the current local nitrogen loading standard that all new construction within our Town

has had to meet. The applicant is presently challenging the Board of Health's decision on this matter.

The Hingham Board of Health worked with both the Cohasset and Hull Boards of Health to discuss the lowering the fluoridation in our public water supply. After reviewing the science on fluoridation and understanding that fluoride is available in most of our foods, the three Boards agreed to forward a request to the Aquarion Water Company to lower their current fluoride level of 1 ppm to 0.7 ppm.

The Board has begun looking at several issues to improve the personal hygiene of food handlers in all of our food establishments. The draft regulations incorporate education and training of food handling employees during all times of operation and also sets a demanding standard for food handlers.

Permits Issued in 2014:

Farmers Market	26	Food Establishment	160
Retail Food	70	Store Milk	105
Catering	12	Frozen Desserts	5
Residential F.S.	1	Mobile Food Service	16
Fat Oil & Grease	80	Septage Haulers	19
Rubbish Haulers	26	Septic Installers	38
Tanning Salons	3	Funeral Directors	2
Semi-Public Pools	12	Pool Constr.Permits	24
Trailer Parks	1	Day Camps	14
Septic Permits	117	Variance Appl.	41
Building Permits	767	Treatment Plant	263
Soil Evaluations	86	Tobacco Sales	24
Animal Permits	13	Private Well Permits	16

Peter Bickford, Chairman
Stephan White, Member
Kirk Shilts D.C., Member

Hingham Housing Authority



It is the mission of the Hingham Housing Authority to not only provide and preserve affordable, quality, safe and sanitary housing for very low to moderate income individuals and families, but to deliver services to the population with integrity and mutual accountability. It is the goal of the authority to foster trusting relationships with those we serve as the basis for economic self-sufficiency whenever possible.

The Authority owns and operates state aided public housing at Thaxter Park; 78 one-bedroom apartments (c.667), housing for seniors 60+ or disabled meeting certain income guidelines, 8 family apartments (c.705), for income-eligible families, and 6 congregate units under the Supportive Senior Housing Initiative program providing housing and services in collaboration with South Shore Elder Services. We currently have nearly 500 applicants on our waiting lists.

Our management portfolio includes our scattered sites, 14 units of c. 689 housing for individuals with disabilities, a partnership with the Department of Mental Health, 50 Housing Choice vouchers (25 of which we sponsor for other agencies), a federal rent subsidy program for low-income families and 5 Project Based vouchers attached to the Captain Anderson house for homeless Hingham veterans. We own a single family affordable home on Scotland Street purchased with Community Preservation funds in 2007.

The Hingham housing Authority is a recognized affordable monitoring and lottery agent for affordable homeownership programs. We are the monitoring agent for the Damon Farms project which will produce 2 additional units of affordable housing for the town. Additionally, we are the lottery agent for the Ridgewood Crossing development soon to construct the 3rd and final affordable age restricted condominium.

Over the past year, the Authority has successfully combined capital, operating and maintenance resources to complete several modernization projects in accordance with our 5 year Capital Improvement Plan and formula funding. Projects at Thaxter Park included exterior and common lighting replacement phase 2, sealcoating of driveways and walkways, and main office steps/ hand rail replacement, total funding awarded \$54,235.46. We applied for and received a Multifamily Retrofit Energy Wise grant of \$83,557 for supplies and services. We were granted a

special initiative of \$25,000 for additional walkway improvements from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

Randy Sylvester and his DPW crew have continued to help us throughout the year and their efforts are much appreciated!

In keeping with our mission statement, we have once again been awarded a federal grant to assist 25 + families with achieving self-sufficiency.

We would like to thank the Community Preservation committee for supporting our application for replacement of the building envelope and window trim at our Scotland Street property. We are grateful to the Selectmen and Advisory committee for supporting the proposal and recommendation of \$28,068 to be voted on at town meeting.

The Board of Commissioners set out some ambitious goals over the past year. With the dedication and optimism of the staff at the housing authority, Dionne Spearin, Assistant Director, Betty Gibbons, Administrative Assistant, Kevin Kazlauskas, Maintenance Supervisor, and his assistants Michael Regan and Michael Cahill, the leadership of our Chair, Stephanie McHugh, and support of the commissioners, we met those goals. It is an honor working with all of you and I look forward to another successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie McHugh, Chair
James Watson, Vice Chair
Robert Keyes, Treasurer
Amy Farrell, State Appointee
Kevin Connelly, Member

Sharon L. Napier, Executive Director

Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee

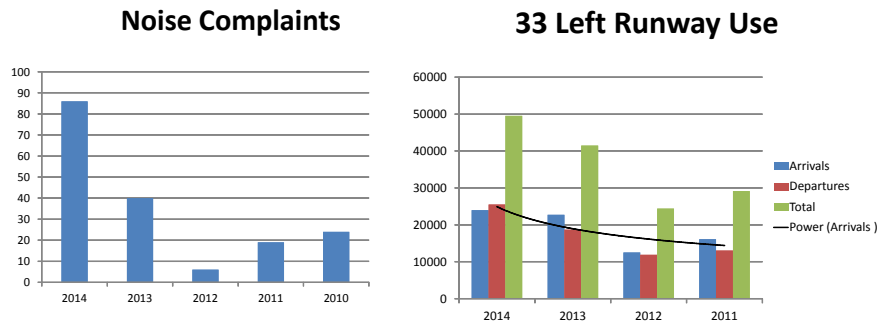
Background

Logan Airport Community Advisory Committee, Inc (CAC) is a well established committee composed of nearly 40 communities within '128' surrounding Logan Airport. CAC's primary objective is to reduce ground and over-flight noise from aircraft and secondarily, to monitor air pollution from Logan Airport.

Complaints in 2014

Massport collects complaints (<http://www.massport.com/environment>) and reports them for each community monthly. Much of the aircraft noise affecting Hingham from take offs has been eliminated some years ago through the CAC efforts. However, there is a lingering problem on arrivals – particularly at night.

Towards the end of 2014, there was a significant increase in complaints from Hingham. This problem is been worked on but resolution is slow. The major challenge is that when wind from the northwest, Runway 33L is used for arrivals. Unfortunately, we have had more northwest winds this winter – resulting in greater number of over flight arrivals. Another cause is runway reconstruction during 2014.



Activities in 2014

In 2012, Governor Patrick signed a Transport Bill which created the Massport Advisory Board. Hingham was selected as a member. The inaugural meeting is scheduled for April 2015. The Board's mission has a broader remit than just noise and pollution but covers all issues related to Massport.

Early in 2014, CAC provided a detailed Program Use Program to Massport and the FAA to trial more dynamic runway use so that communities won't have sustained over flights lasting days and provide intermittent relief independent of the weather. The trial started on Oct 1, 2014 and we are waiting for conclusions and recommendations.

Several communities including Milton, Arlington, Belmont and Watertown would like the FAA to re-examine Runway 33L RNAV SID. This procedure was implemented in June of 2013 and caused significant increase in noise complaints and negative feedback from these communities. Much of these communities created a lot of press and calls for political action.

Declan Boland has represented Hingham on CAC since 2005 and was recently re-elected on the CAC Leadership Team as CAC Secretary and Clerk. In addition, the Board of Selectmen appointed him as Hingham's representative to the Massport Advisory Board.

Long Range Waste Disposal & Recycling

The Long Range Waste Disposal and Recycling Committee (LRWDRC) is pleased to provide residents with a recap of 2014's waste disposal and recycling operations at Hingham's Transfer Station. The LRWDRC's educational and advocacy efforts support the town of Hingham's household solid waste disposal operations. For financial data related to the overall costs and revenues from Hingham's waste disposal and recycling operations, please refer to the Department of Public Works' summary and financial report in this Annual Report. In this report you will find the highlights and updates of the education and advocacy efforts of the LRWDRC in 2014.

Ongoing operations updates

- A total of 3,734 residential and 128 commercial Transfer Station permits were issued in 2014.
- For 2014, the town's disposed waste total was 6,998 tons, down 129 tons from 2013. Hauling and disposal costs went from \$578,590, in 2013 to \$620,268 in 2014, demonstrating that the cost of household trash disposal is on the rise and reinforcing the need to divert recyclable material from the household waste stream. All diverted recyclables reduce the town's waste disposal costs and metal, cardboard, paper and textiles yield income for the Town of Hingham.
- A total of 1,951.5 tons (vs. 2,033.3 tons in 2013) of common recyclables (paper, cardboard, steel cans, plastics, textiles and glass) were collected, yielding a current recycling rate of 33.1% (vs. 33.3% in 2013).
- The yard waste collection area handled 3,860 tons of compostable yard waste (leaves, grass, brush and logs) in 2014. Removing yard waste and recyclables from household trash is mandated by state law, yielded a savings of \$82 per ton, and provided the town with rich compost material for resident and public landscaping use.
- The clothing and textile container bin area continued to collect all types of household textiles that will either be reused as is or repurposed in the textile and upholstery industry. Accepted textiles include re-usable and worn-out clothes of all kinds of fabric and material, shoes, undergarments, socks, blankets, linens, rags, stuffed animals, and seat cushions. The textiles collected, ranging from rags to fine silk, added roughly \$7,000 in receipts for the Town of Hingham as well as saving \$6,300 in avoided disposal costs.
- The Swap Shop, now known as the "Shoppe at Hobart Street", provided residents with an option to pass along their gently used household items for re-use by other residents. The Shoppe exists due to the coordinated efforts of resident volunteers and Transfer Station staff. A part-time Shoppe Coordinator, hired in 2014, coordinated the training and scheduling of the Shoppe's volunteers. Due to a lack of volunteers, the Shoppe was not able to expand to six hours per weekend day (9-3); Shoppe hours remained 10-2 Thursday-Sunday. Volunteer forms can be found on the Transfer Station's webpage's "Public Works" tab (<http://hingham-ma.gov/publicworks>) or on the LRWDRC's bulletin board on the 1st floor of Town Hall.

Hingham's Community Redeemable Bottle and Can Collection fundraising program continued to benefit many local youth organizations. In exchange for the redemption proceeds, this year twenty community youth groups performed the following community services:

- Collected trash around Rec. Center and fields
- Put out flags on Veteran's graves
- Helped with Community Blood Drive
- Worked at the Hingham Food Pantry (3 different groups)
- Town Beach cleanup
- Picked up old flag bins and retired flags with ceremony
- Landscaped in front of South Elementary
- Assisted with Memorial Day Celebration
- Served dinner, cleanup and entertained residents at Hingham Housing Authority
- Created video on water conservation
- Collected and shelved food for the Food Pantry
- Office work and planted flowers at Hingham Historical Society
- Worked at Bare Cove Fire Museum
- Chaperoned Halloween Party for the Rec. Center
- Mentored special needs program
- Cleaned Senior Center
- Clean-up of trails at Foundry Pond

2014 Initiatives and Educational Programs

The LRWDRC continued to work in conjunction with the Board of Health, the School Department, the DPW, and the South Shore Recycling Cooperative's efforts to educate and advocate for common sense, environmentally friendly and fiscally sound recycling practices. Specific town-based and regional efforts in 2014 included:

- Updated "What Must I Recycle" on the DPW website to include refrigerated beverage cartons which should be rinsed and recycled in the paper compactor; rigid plastics (outdoor furniture and toys, pails, crates), which are recycled with plastics; and Gypsum Wallboard which is now a MA Waste Ban material and must be recycled (ask Transfer Station staff for location).
- Informational displays at the Hingham Library, Town Hall and the Farmer's Market.
- Submission of "Did you know" recycling facts for broadcast by Hingham Community Access Media (HCAM - Channel 9 and 97 for Comcast and Channel 3 and 31 for Verizon subscribers).
- Support for the Board of Health's Recycling Compliance Coordinator's efforts to assist commercial waste and recycling haulers comply with Hingham's residential and commercial recycling regulations.
- Helping to prepare the letter insert in residential HMLP bills, outlining what must be recycled and which materials residents who contract with private trash haulers can recycle through their hauler and which should be brought to the Transfer Station for recycling.

- Assistance with the Annual Household Hazardous Waste Day in May. Hingham collected toxic substances from 254 cars, thus keeping these hazardous wastes out of the municipal waste stream.
- Support for the Public School's newly hired Recycling Implementer's efforts to: 1) Implement a pilot organics collection program at East School; and, 2) Communicate and enforce Hingham Public School's recycling requirements by users of school facilities and fields.
- Participation in an educational campaign for the statewide Updated Bottle Bill ballot question.
- Developing a plan to provide some covered shelter for the Swap Shoppe so items can be protected from the elements and thus reducing the cost of disposing of items ruined by rain and snow. A MA DEP Dividends program provided approximately half of funds needed and the remainder of the cost will be raised in 2015. Please note that the Swap Shoppe CANNOT accept upholstered furniture.

Committee Goals for 2015

In addition to ongoing efforts to educate the Hingham community about the economic and environmental benefits of recycling, the LRWDRC's 2015 goals include:

- Educating residents on waste reduction strategies.
- Educating the public regarding MA DEP's waste ban inspectors' enforcement of waste ban items from municipal waste loads that arrive at SEMASS. Hingham loads that contain waste ban items will result in violations, thus efforts are being made to avoid these costly violations.
- Working to pass a town by-law regarding single-use checkout bag usage at business establishments in Hingham. The LRWDRC views the proposed ban as consistent with its mission to reduce waste.
- Researching the economics and logistics of a Save Money and Reduce Trash ("SMART") approach to managing Hingham's household waste.
- Installing a partial covering for the Swap Shoppe.
- Exploring the potential for organics processing at the local level.

For information about what must be recycled in Hingham and how to do so at the Transfer Station go to:

<http://www.hingham-ma.gov/publicworks/WhatDoIRecycle.html>

Cheryl Alexander Bierwirth
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Hingham Memorial Bell Tower

Bell Ringing celebrates the joy of weddings and victories, intones the sadness of deaths and funerals, and summons people to church. The bells in the towers produce no recognizable tunes. Yet they are rung in sequences and an orderly fashion. The bells, rung in an ancient yet very modern way, produce a rich cascade of sounds. This is called change ringing.

Change ringing requires special bells, special "music" and ordinary people who enjoy climbing towers, working as a team, and doing "The Exercise." Change ringing depends on real bells, each swung in a complete circle by a single person; six bells, six people and so on usually standing in a circle.

The bell tower had some extensive improvements in 2014. We ring on Tuesday evenings 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. We welcome new ringers.

Kenneth W. Drescher
Michael Shilhan
Ann Shilhan
Joan R. Getto
Dorcas Wagner
Martha Ryan

Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2014.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2014 season began dry with a low water table, dry conditions increased into the summer season. Efforts were directed at larval

mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground larviciding and 10,000 acres of aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 21, 2014 and ended on September 26, 2014. The Project responded to 16,585 requests for spraying and breeding checks from residents covering all of the towns within the district.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis was first isolated from *Coquillettidia perturbans*, a mammal and bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Bridgewater on July 17, 2014. A total of fifteen positive EEE mosquito isolates were trapped within Plymouth County: (4) Bridgewater, (3) Kingston, (2) Lakeville, (4) Rochester, and (2) Marion.

Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, nine Plymouth County towns, Kingston, Lakeville, Rochester, West Bridgewater, Middleboro, Rockland, Hingham, Whitman, Hanson, and Bridgewater were elevated from "Low" to "Moderate Level" of EEE Risk. All other towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project remained in the "Low Level Risk" category. We are pleased to report that in 2014 there were no human or horse EEE cases in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus was also found within the district. A total of 4 mosquitoes pools tested positive for WNV in the following three towns: (1) Bridgewater, (1) Wareham, (2) Middleboro. All towns within the districts remained at the "Low Level Risk" category for West Nile Virus. We are also pleased to report that in 2014 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County Mosquito Control district. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 68,097 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV.

The Health threat of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm.

The figures specific to the town of Hingham are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of Hingham residents.

Insecticide Application. 1,303 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September.

During the summer 4,116 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens*, a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Water Management. During 2014 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 2,355 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Machine Reclamation. 3,220 linear feet of both saltmarsh and upland ditch was reconstructed in Hingham using the Project's track driven excavator.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of Hingham was less than three days with more than 727 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. Our surveillance showed that the dominant mosquitoes throughout the district were generally *Culiseta melanura* and *Coquillettidia perturbans*. In the Town of Hingham the three most common mosquitoes were *Aedes vexans*, *Ochlerotatus cantator* and *Culex species*.

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.org or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Anthony Texeira
Superintendent

Hingham Public Library

The Hingham Public Library continued to serve the community in 2014 not only as a provider of educational, recreational, and informational materials, but also as a gathering place for lifelong learning, cultural programs, author events, and children's activities throughout the year.

As libraries continue to grow and change in response to technological advances and digital access to information, so too has the Hingham Public Library continued to strive to adapt and be responsive to the needs of the community.



Current and former library staff members

In the fall of 2014, the Library's Futures Task Force had conducted a town-wide survey, "Ten Minutes to a Better Library," to gather feedback on current services as well as to explore future needs. We received an impressive response rate, with 1,216 patrons completing the survey out of over 12,500 resident library cardholders. While the results and comments have given us much insight into how the Library can best meet the needs of the community today and in the future, we are happy to report that nearly 100% of the respondents rated their overall satisfaction with the Library as "fairly" (19%) and "highly" (81%) satisfied. We are grateful for your support, and the full results will be posted on the Library's website in early 2015. We understand, however, that there is still much work to be done, and we are dedicated to remaining responsive to changing needs and to providing a world-class library and service experience.

Over 241,000 people visited the Library in 2014, and the Library hosted 7,547 people for its 326 programs and events for adults. The Library offered a wide variety of program and events, including the Sunday Sounds Special Concert Series presented in partnership with the Boston Classical Guitar Society; An Evening with the Author talks and book signings; HPL Movie Nights; Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) classes and programs in partnership with UMASS Boston; art exhibits in our Dolphin and Clemens Galleries, and a number of other educational and entertaining events throughout the year.

The Children's Department hosted 245 programs in 2014 that were a mixture of traditional and contemporary, with 5,310 in attendance.

Conventional programs included five weekly story times, vacation week activities (movies, crafts, workshops, etc.) and our Summer Reading Program which included a memorable visit from The Whale Mobile, a 43-foot life-sized inflatable whale named Nile. New programs included a series of talks by Dr. Katie McBrine, titled "Dialogues with the Doctor," about pediatric health care issues, the creation of a Middle School Book Group and a Skype visit with YA author Marissa Meyer.

The Reference Department assisted patrons with approximately 4,400 research and general reference questions or other related activities in 2014. As ever more people own devices for downloading ebooks and audiobooks, instructing patrons on accessing and downloading also continues to be an important function. A new microfilm reader/scanner was purchased for the Reference Department, greatly improving the clarity and legibility of microfilm images. This micrographic equipment allows images to be scanned and printed or saved to a portable data storage device.

Town Archivist Jennifer Williams and Archives Assistant Stephanie McBain have preserved and organized over 75% of the Library's historical materials and should complete their work in 2015. Many of the collections have been catalogued, and their records are now available in the Old Colony Library Network's online library catalog. In conjunction with Boston Public Library's digitization lab, over 300 of the Library's glass slides from the late 1800s, early 1900s and 300 historical postcards have been digitized and will be available for viewing online in 2015.

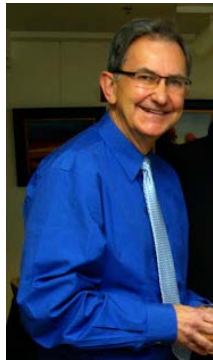
Circulation continued to remain strong, with over 380,000 physical items checked out, and 12,573 ebooks and 4,121 digital magazines downloaded. Over 92,000 items were transferred between libraries for borrowing through interlibrary loans within the Old Colony Library Network. New initiatives included adding the Hardcover Bestseller section to provide more in-demand titles to patrons in lieu of rental books, and sending out HPL Welcome postcards to new residents. Staff members Carol Lipsett and Marcia Sinclair continued to create fun and interesting book displays, including the popular "What's Hingham Reading?", in which Hingham residents were photographed and interviewed about books they were currently reading.

The Technical Services Department continued to develop progressive and effective services that promote the progress and success of the Hingham Public Library. Working with the Library's book and audiovisual vendors, new cataloging and customized processing procedures have resulted in patrons having quicker access to new adult and children's

books, movies and audiobooks. Materials arrive at the Library “shelf-ready,” which dramatically reduces the time spent on routine cataloging and has freed staff for reference, digital initiatives and patron customer service. Materials are on the shelves faster while improving the visual appeal of the collection.

Staffing has also undergone significant changes and reorganization in the past year in order to accommodate the needs of the changing Library. Four new positions were created in 2014: Assistant Director, filled by former Circulation Supervisor Linda Harper; Technology Librarian, filled by former Children’s Librarian Anna Byrne; Reference & Local History Librarian, filled by former Reference Librarian Anne Dalton; and Collection Development Librarian, filled by former Reference Librarian Peter Thornell. These positions give the Library greater flexibility in responding to advances in technology, providing development and training to both patrons and staff, and assessing and cultivating a dynamic and comprehensive collection of new and historic materials and resources.

Perhaps our most significant change to staffing was that Dennis Corcoran, Library Director for nearly 20 years, announced his retirement effective early January 2015. Dennis’s vision, leadership, hard work, and dedication have helped to make the Library the outstanding community resource that it is today.



Finally, we wish to thank Joan Newell for her on-going service as Volunteer Coordinator; to Adrienne Richardson and Irma Lauter for their assistance and leadership with managing the bookstore and organizing our popular book sales, earning over \$14,000 in income for the Library; to Joan Allen and Mary Ellen Miller for their administrative efforts; to

Trustees Edna English and David Mehegan who spearheaded the Annual Fundraising Drive that raised \$56,658 in contributions from 575 donors; to Trustee Tina Sherwood who organized the bi-annual event Roam the Tomes (where 175 attendees saw the Library in a whole new way!) raising over \$28,000; and to the Board of Trustees for their continued leadership, dedication, and commitment to providing outstanding library resources and services.

David J. Mehegan
Chairman of the Board

Linda Harper
Acting Director

Hingham Public Schools

As of October 1, 2014, there were 4224 students enrolled in grades K-12 in the Hingham Public Schools, an increase of 46 students over October 1, 2013. In addition, the district had responsibility for funding and/or programming for 70 pre-school students in the Integrated Kindergarten and Pre-school programs, 48 out-of-district students (in special education placements), and 4 vocational students.

Operational and education specialist personnel changes in 2014 included the appointments of Aisha Oppong as Financial Assistant to the Director of Business and Support Services, Michaela Sousa as Payroll Supervisor, Special Education Out of District Coordinator Liz O'Neill, ABA Specialist Meghan Corry, and Custodial Supervisor Katie Hartman.

Academically, Hingham students continued to perform above state averages at every grade and subject on the 2014 MCAS. The percentage of Hingham students performing at the proficient or advanced levels increased in grade 3 English Language Arts (ELA) and math, grade 5 ELA, math and science, grade 8 ELA and science, and grade 10 math. In grade 10, 99% of students scored at the proficient or advanced level in ELA, 96% in math, and 90% in science, with 71% scoring at the advanced level in ELA and 71% scoring advanced in math. All members of the Class of 2014 demonstrated proficiency on the ELA, math and science MCAS tests that are required for a state certified diploma. Student Growth Percentile (SGP) reports released by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) are used to measure student performance changes on MCAS over time. In Hingham, SGPs were rated as "high" at grade 4 ELA and math, grade 5 ELA, grade 7 ELA, and grade 10 ELA.

The Massachusetts accountability system is used to classify districts and schools on a five level scale from the highest performing in Level 1 to the lowest performing in Level 5. The Hingham 2014 accountability results were as follows: Foster School, Plymouth River School, and Hingham High School–Level 1, East School, South School and Hingham Middle School–Level 2 schools (High Needs subgroup). A school percentile was also reported indicating a school's overall performance relative to other schools in Massachusetts with the same grades. The Hingham school percentiles were as follows: East–92, Foster–90, PRS–98, South–90, HMS–86, and HHS–93.

On Saturday, May 31, 2014, 246 students graduated from Hingham High School. Of these graduates, 96% planned to continue their formal education. Academic accomplishments of the HHS Class of 2014 include 14 National Merit commended students, 88 Advanced Placement Scholars, 2 National Scholars, 1 AP International Diploma recipient, and 62 members inducted into the National Honor Society.

During much of 2014, the School Committee was engaged in collective bargaining discussions with each of the six School Department bargaining units. The Salary and Negotiations Subcommittee worked to develop and recommend action to their peers on the terms of successor agreements for the employee contracts that expired with the end of the 2013-2014 school year. As of this writing, there are signed agreements with five of the units and a verbal agreement and pending ratification with the sixth unit.

The four elementary schools continue to enhance instruction in literacy, math, science, and social studies through a variety of initiatives including Response to Intervention (RTI) model of targeted instruction, tutoring initiatives, adoption of the Empowering Writers program, and updating of other curriculum and assessment materials and technology resources. Each of the elementary schools has designed, posted, and trained staff in school-specific behavior matrices in order to create safe and productive learning environments that foster responsibility and respect. In each of the schools, targeted instruction opportunities have been designed to respond to needs identified by standardized test data analysis.

The 2014 Town Election saw Carol M. Falvey and Edward Schreier, D.D.S. re-elected to the Committee. Former member Caryl Falvey was appointed to fill the remaining year of Paul Gannon's SC term after he resigned from the Committee upon his election to the Board of Selectmen. Raymond Estes, Carol M. Falvey, and Dr. Edward Schreier were elected School Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, respectively, in May 2014.

2014 saw the completion of the High School Fields Project, including the new concession building and nearby baseball and softball fields. A grand opening ceremony was held on the new synthetic turf field during September's Homecoming celebration; activities included the dedication of an empty seat in the stands to the memory of POW/MIA military personnel as a tribute to their sacrifice. The day was centered on the theme of gratitude to the Hingham community. High School students,

sports teams and youth organizations have already begun to put the new and improved facilities to good and frequent use.

Construction work on the new Hingham Middle School continued with interior detail and finishes, culminating in substantial completion of the building by May 1, 2014. During the summer, the School Department held a public sale of various surplus equipment and furnishings in order to empty the old middle school building in preparation for demolition. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held in August and the new building opened for students on September 2, 2014. Site work continues including final landscaping and preparation of athletic fields adjacent to the new school. The project is nearing completion and is expected to come in millions under the Town Meeting appropriation, thus saving Hingham taxpayers dollars.

The Annual School Department Operating Budget for fiscal year 2015 (school year 2014-2015) was approved at the April 2014 Town Meeting at \$43,490,722; another \$648,674 was appropriated for Capital Projects.

In Fall 2014, the School Committee met in a Planning Meeting to establish goals and priorities for the then upcoming FY 16 budget season. Subsequent to that meeting, Budget Guidelines and Assumptions were developed and approved by the School Committee. At the same meeting, there was SC consensus to move forward with development of a plan to provide a "full-day kindergarten for all" program for implementation in Fall 2015. In December 2014, the School Administration developed a "needs-based budget" that is (at the time of this writing) in the process of refinement and adoption or other action by the SC, Selectmen, Advisory Committee, and ultimately by Town Meeting.

HHS sports championships were plentiful in 2014. Most celebrated was the girls soccer team winning the MIAA Division II State Championship and being ranked #1 by the *Boston Globe*. Sharing in state championships were the boys and girls indoor track teams winning the MIAA Division II State Relay Championship. The boy's lacrosse team and boys golf team won the MIAA Division II South Sectional Championships. Patriot League Championships were won by the girls and boys indoor track and spring track teams, wrestling team, girls tennis team, boys cross-country team and girls soccer team. Multiple HHS coaches were named as a *Boston Globe* Coach of the Year in their respective sports.

The Hingham Public Schools continued to benefit from strong and long-standing community partnerships in 2014. The cooperative efforts and generosity of parents, PTOs, booster and other community groups, civic organizations, the Hingham Education Foundation, and the Hingham Sports Partnership have again supported the School Department in realizing its mission and achieving both short and long term goals. At the Annual Senior Awards Night in May 2014, more than \$343,000 in local scholarship dollars was awarded to 198 HHS graduates. Myriad awards were also presented in recognition of students' outstanding performance in academic areas or involvement in school organizations. The School Department and the School Committee gratefully acknowledge and appreciate the many community efforts that serve to enhance the excellent facilities, programs, and activities of the Hingham Public Schools.

A special thank you goes again to the citizenry and voters of the Town for their ongoing support and financing of annual education budgets and facilities enhancement projects.

DOROTHY GALO, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL COMMITTEE
Raymond Estes, Chair
Carol M. Falvey, Vice-Chair
Edward Schreier, D.D.S., Secretary
Andy Shafter
Dennis Friedman
Liza O'Reilly
Caryl Falvey



The new greenhouse at the High School partially funded by a grant from National Geographics and Sunchips, opened in June 2014.

Recreation Commission

The Hingham Recreation Commission is a five member elected board. The Commission oversees the operations of the Recreation Department. The mission of the Recreation Commission is to provide high quality, affordable recreation programs as well as maintain safe and accessible fields and facilities throughout the Hingham community. The Recreation Department's program offerings strive to assist all Hingham residents in enhancing their physical, social and emotional well-being.

The Hingham Recreation Department is an integral part of the community with the Recreation Center attracting residents of all ages, abilities, and interests. The Recreation Center, located in Town Hall, is comprised of a gymnasium, game room, two studios, and the Fitness Center. The outdoor facilities include playgrounds, street hockey rink, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, soccer, and baseball fields. 2014 was a huge successful for the Hingham Recreation Department. An array of adult activities were offered to the public including zumba, boot camp, spinning, yoga, tennis, dance, harbor hoops, men's and women's basketball and much more. School aged students and toddlers had many program offerings including legos, babysitting training course, tennis, street hockey, basketball, soccer, all star sports, mini sports, art programs, and dance. The Commission provided residents with seasonal events including the Halloween costume party and an Easter egg hunt.

The 2014 Summer Program was a huge success! Our Summer staff worked diligently to design a new and exciting line up of shows and entertainers for the 2014 summer including sports and dance workshops, animal shows, music performances, and more! The new field trips were planned specifically geared to each age group! Between the Preschool, Playground, and Teen Xtreme programs the Rec Department enrolled over 1400 participants.

Another exciting new program developed and created in 2014 was "Hingham Rec Paddle Sport". This program made it possible for the public to rent out paddleboards and kayaks at very affordable rates. Beginner or not this gave people the opportunity to experience something new and fun at Hingham Harbor during the hot summer months, while keeping cool on the water. In addition to "Hingham Paddle Sport" we continued to offer an assortment of adult fitness classes at the Harbor. These classes were well attended and we look forward to build our program curriculum at the Harbor in 2015.

Winter Indoor Playground was once again a home run in 2014. The goal of this is to provide toddlers and parents with a place to play and socialize during these frigid winter months. Rather than being stuck at home, children can come to the recreation gym and use ride-on toys, climbing structures, tumbling mats, jumbo blocks, and our two large bounce houses. This was offered Fridays 3:00 pm to 5:15 pm and Saturday 8:30 am to 11:00 am and 3:00 pm to 5:15 pm. This winter indoor getaway proved very popular with



Warming up inside the East Street Skate House

parents and children alike. On average, the Winter Indoor Playground attracted more than fifty children. The Recreation Department is thrilled with the success of the Winter Indoor Playground and plan to continue the program in 2016.

July 4th, 2014 marked the 56th continuous running of the Hingham Road Race. One of the region's oldest footraces, this premier event starts our Independence Day celebration, and is one of the town's richest traditions. Thanks to Hingham Striders, who cultivated this growing race and reshaped it into how we know it today. Through their entrepreneurial innovation, dedication to community, and sustainable fundraising legacy, race proceeds continue to generate seed money to subsidize quality, affordable programs, finance special events, purchase capital equipment for the Striders Fitness Room. Also, race proceeds have contributed to the Rec Center game room and office, field maintenance improvements, and provided Summer Program scholarships based on need, at no cost to the tax payer. The end use of some race proceeds also generate fee revenues, offset operational and overhead costs, and pay for services provided by the Recreation Department. The Recreation Department would like to thank all those who make this annual race possible.

In other great news CPC awarded \$50,000 for the Bradley Woods Playground. The Bradley Woods Neighborhood Association was instrumental with all aspects of this project. The fund raised approximately \$12,000 dollars and their entire neighborhood volunteered their time to install the playground. The Recreation Commission, CPC, and Bradley Woods Neighborhood Association were all thrilled with the design and outcome.



Bradley Woods Playground Grand Opening

New changes and expansions to programs and facilities are always a top priority for the Hingham Recreation Commission. Day in and day out we strive to be the best that we can possibly be. Without our staff and the support from the community it would be impossible for us to run and offer all that we do. A big thank you, to all that made 2014 a year to remember.

Recreation Commissioners

Vicki Donlan, Chair
Paul Paget, Vice-Chair
Sara Melia, Secretary
Budd Thorne
Adrienne Ramsey

School Building Committee



The 680 seat auditorium of the new Middle School. (Photo courtesy of Andy Caulfield)

Construction work on the new Hingham Middle School continued throughout 2014 with focus on interior detail and finishes, culminating in substantial completion of the building by May 1, 2014. Attention then turned to completing interior “punch list” work to ready the building for occupation. During the summer, the School Department held a public sale of limited surplus equipment and furnishings not being transferred to the new school or other town location in order to empty the old building in preparation for demolition. The demolition process included strictly-monitored remediation activities, began in July and continued into the early fall. In August, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held in the interior courtyard and the new 680 seat auditorium hosted the annual convocation events for all district teachers and staff. The new school opened on time as projected for new and returning middle school students on September 2nd.

During the summer, a series of public meetings were held with the School Committee, Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee and interested residents to explore the feasibility and appropriateness of installing a synthetic turf field as part of the athletic facilities under development. In the end, the Building Committee decided to pursue all

natural grass surfaces for the intended fields as well as an irrigation system serviced by an on-site well.

The School Building Committee continues to meet monthly to address various project elements and outstanding site work, which is expected to be completed by June 2015. Many hours have been spent on the selection and procurement of technology, equipment and furnishings, all to ensure an optimal yet cost-effective experience for both teachers and students. As well, the School Building Committee took steps to support the continuing technology initiative of the School Committee by dedicating available project funds toward the purchase of one-to-one devices for students at all three grade levels.

Financially, the project continued under budget all year despite the approval of necessary change orders. Each change was painstakingly reviewed and considered for its relative value and cost implication, including MSBA reimbursement eligibility. As the year came to a close, approved change orders comprised a little more than 1% of the overall budget, which remained millions under the 2011 Special Town Meeting appropriation.

The new Hingham Middle School incorporates high-performance and quality design, cost-efficient construction, the inclusion of green, energy-efficient and sustainable features, and up-to-date technology and operating systems that will yield ease of use and maintenance, and is expected to achieve LEED silver certification. Most importantly, it will provide well for the educational needs of Hingham middle school students, continuing Hingham's long-standing tradition of excellence for generations to come.

As the final phase of the 2006 School Facilities Master Plan nears completion, the School Building Committee continues to be grateful for the cooperation and support of various town and state officials and nearby residents and local businesses, as well as the collaborative efforts of all involved in this endeavor. We remain ever-committed to complete this project on time and under budget.

Raymond C. Estes, Chairman
Timothy R. Collins, Vice-Chairman
Sandra Cleary, Secretary

Samantha Anderson
Peter Bradley
Robert Bucey
Stefan Vogelmann

Scholarship Fund Committee

The Scholarship Committee is charged with the investing of assets on behalf of current and future recipients of the Hingham Scholarship Fund. Scholarship Fund assets at the end of 2014 were \$4,320,909 compared to \$4,033,353 at the end of 2013. These figures include investment returns, deposits of \$506,831 and disbursements for scholarships and administrative fees of \$219,275. If net disbursements are included with investment returns, present and future beneficiaries enjoyed a return on investments of +10% in 2014.

2014 was a positive year for most of the major asset classes. The BarCap Aggregate, a broad investment grade bond index returned +6.0%. The S&P 500, an index comprised of the 500 largest US public companies according to market capitalization, returned +13.7%. The Russell 2000 Index, an equity index that includes a broad array of medium sized US companies had a positive +4.9% return. The MSCI EAFE Index, which measures large company equity performance domiciled in Europe, Australasia and the Far East returned -4.5%.

The asset mix, approximately 70% equities and 30% bonds and money market equivalents has been a consistent strategic target of the fund for the past three years. Given the perpetual nature of the fund's beneficiary interests and the low level of interest rates, the committee feels this mix to be most prudent. In 2014 the fund benefited from holdings in US Equity and Fixed Income Mutual funds. The International Equity holdings generated a small positive return.

The committee voted to provide \$220,000 in scholarship awards in 2014. This compares to \$200,000 in 2013 and \$160,000 in 2012. The Town of Hingham authorized this program in 1975. In the subsequent years over \$2 million has been awarded to Hingham High School graduates who successfully complete their first semester of higher learning.

The members of the committee volunteer their time and are listed below. We continue to rely heavily upon the skills and professional acumen of members of the Treasurer's Office for trade implementation and accurate processing of donations and disbursements.

Appointees: Roger Nastou, Andrew Shafter, Kurt Weisenbeck,
Adam White, Jean Montgomery

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE
TREASURER

Scholarship	12/31/13	12/31/14
Rizzotto Memorial	8,478	21,532
Cyrus Bacon & Ada W. Bacon	29,385	30,754
Orvis K. & May B. Collins	2,394	65,419
Amasa J. Whiting	30,321	31,823
Second World War Memorial	76,137	79,819
Margaret McElroy	15,905	16,637
Stuart Macmillan	72,229	75,900
Anne Mulholland	5,956	7,329
John Lewis Russell	18,753	19,733
Caroline Murdock	14,277	14,979
Charles (Chuck) Martell	35,107	37,640
Francis James Thompson	2,497,471	2,617,879
Patricia Lynne Schneider	5,384	5,648
Harold L. Downing	22,745	23,870
Hingham Theater for Children	6,661	6,995
Curtis Chase	13,714	14,373
Wallis Lee Chipman	8,546	8,946
Russell H. Arkell	11,617	12,169
Hingham Basketball Boosters	15,342	16,041
Charles Berry	6,581	6,874
Edward O. Hornstra	19,801	20,786
William J. Laubenstein Jr	5,917	6,206
Mary Sheldon	7,893	8,587
Robin Karen Kurciviez	6,351	6,665
Mary J. Fee	5,682	5,956
Jacobs	36,140	37,807
John Higgins	5,402	5,650
Burditt W. Collins Memorial	8,512	8,846
Savini Music	6,951	7,271
Stuart Blake & Mary McKay Luce	239,860	251,600
Robert V. Barbuto & James C. Silipo	21,785	22,752
Herbert W. Farrar Memorial	6,523	6,811
Lane W. & Agnes Bryant	138,314	144,583
Hingham Taxpayers	63,246	66,178
Hingham Band Parents	6,924	7,253
Susan Burton	24,492	25,601
Leroy L. Eldredge	19,861	20,971
John Barba	23,576	24,608
M. Tilghman Earle	24,453	25,912
Lewis J. Ernst	14,768	15,439
Joan E. Pyne Memorial	8,053	8,408
John Peter Nionakis	13,599	14,202

Kids Cabaret	3,505	3,825
Rosemary Amoscato Shaughnessy	14,829	15,458
Field Hockey Team.....	10,566	11,220
Charles L. Vickery	35,162	39,073
Jamin Guarino	40,477	42,496
Clifford Family Memorial	12,085	12,573
Thomas J. Wallace, Jr & Michelle Wallace	12,699	13,300
Gerald M. Collins, M.D.	3,305	3,446
Hingham Scholarship Memorial	7,238	7,666
Crofoot Trust	22,567	23,517
Sam Butterfield.....	11,161	11,621
Gloria O. Lofgren	14,745	15,441
Robin Helene Ruben	15,646	17,369
Robert L. Goodrich	36,771	38,433
Helen S. Wollan	6,816	7,296
Former Students of HHS.....	14,848	15,459
Mark S. Gratta Sr Memorial.....	21,698	23,899
Hingham Women's Club	17,627	18,423
Corine Cyr Benedict Memorial	12,139	12,727
Carol & Ruth Gardner Memorial	23,178	25,232
Samatha Hooper Memorial	6,859	7,468
Cynthia Steven Scholarship.....	5,887	6,132
Marie Meallo Scholarship	11,984	12,721
Keith Ryan Memorial.....	3,406	3,777
Sean Ryan Memorial	0	62,679
Colarullo Family Scholarship.....	0	10,000
General Fund	<u>3,049</u>	<u>3,210</u>
Total	4,033,353	4,320,909

Shade Tree Committee



A primary purpose of the Shade Tree Committee is to foster and promote the preservation and planting of shade trees and to support the DPW in the appropriate selection of shade tree species, site selections, and the care of shade trees. In keeping with the committee's purpose 99 shade trees were planted consisting of 13 tree species as part of the current years tree planting plan. In 2014 the town lost 250 roadside trees due to various storm and stress factors. A number of these trees will be replaced in 2015. Unfortunately, the town will always lose trees for the reasons just mentioned but the objective is to minimize losses where possible. We have been looking carefully at a number of triggers that support good tree health to include environmental factors such as drought and salt tolerance, disease resistant species, and carefully selecting the appropriate shade tree for specific planting site.

In 2014 there were two major celebrations: Earth Day and Arbor Day. On Earth Day, April 22 an American Elm, *Ulmus Americana*, was planted at the historic Cushing Elm site on East Street on what was called "Rocky Nook". Present at the planting ceremony were members of the Shade Tree Committee, DPW Tree and Parks personnel and Selectman Irma Lauter. Ms. Lauter read a commemorative piece addressing the history of the original Cushing Elm (American Elm) planted in 1729.

The Arbor Day Celebration was held at the Foster Elementary School on Tuesday, April 29. The Garden Club of Hingham and the Town of Hingham donated Ginkgo trees for the ceremonial tree plantings. Dr. Deborah Stella, Principal of Foster School, officiated at the ceremony which included members of the Shade Tree Committee, The Garden Club of Hingham, Hingham DPW and Selectman Irma Lauter who read the official Arbor Day proclamation. The entire Foster School student body also participated in the Arbor Day program. Four fifth grade students assisted in the actual planting of the two Ginkgo trees.

The reconstruction of selected traffic islands and parks commenced in 2013 and will be an ongoing project with the DPW.

James Huse
Barbara Kardok

Dottie Manganaro
Michael Studley

Veterans' Services

The Department of Veterans' Services is responsible for administering benefits to qualifying veterans and their dependents under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 115. The Department also assists veterans applying for food, fuel, and VA support as well as arranging and managing the Town's military-related ceremonies throughout the year.

This year's Memorial Day observance, held at the Matthew Hawkes Square, featured Rear Admiral Margaret DeLuca Klein, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense for Military Professionalism. A native of Weymouth, RADM Klein was commissioned in May 1981 upon her graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy.

Also in the spring, our Director, Chief Petty Officer Keith Jermyn, was recognized as the southern Massachusetts Veterans' Services Officer of the Year. Keith was subsequently ordered to active duty with a U.S. Navy Seabee detachment in the Horn of Africa and has been replaced for the duration of his deployment by Marine Corps Operation Iraqi Freedom veteran Jaime Litchfield.

On June 11th, Marine Corps Lance Corporal Michael Leahy was welcomed home from his deployment in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Residents lined the streets from south to north Hingham to show support as Hingham police and firefighters escorted LCPL Leahy to his family's home.

In September, the Veterans Council, in coordination with the Hingham School Committee, dedicated a memorial Empty Chair at the High School Stadium in honor of the roughly 83,000 POW-MIA's still missing. Congressman Steven Lynch and State Representative Garrett Bradley delivered a proclamation to mark the solemn occasion.

This year marked the 143rd birthday of Hingham's Medal of Honor recipient, Seaman Herbert Lewis Foss. In October, Town and State officials honored the occasion with a wreath-laying ceremony at his gravesite in the Fort Hill Street cemetery.

Veterans' Day was observed in Sanborn Auditorium. Lieutenant Commander Anthony O'Brien, Sr., U.S. Navy SEAL Team 5 (Ret.), was the featured speaker. LCDR O'Brien had deployed to over 30 countries while serving several combat tours. During the ceremony, the Veteran of the Year Award was presented to WWII veteran Guy A. Stadig, on behalf of all Hingham's WWII veterans.

Throughout 2014, the Department also continued to provide support for Cohasset veterans, working closely with Cohasset's part-time Veterans' Services Officer.

Finally the Town's Veterans In Need Fund—funded through voluntary contributions accompanying annual excise and quarterly property-tax payments—finished calendar 2014 with slightly less than \$15,000 on hand. As intended, distributions from this fund have been used to provide emergency shelter, heating, medical, and sustenance support to qualifying veterans in need as recommended by the Veterans' Services Officer and approved by the Town's appointed Veterans' Council.

The Department wishes to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the Town Accountant, Town committee members and all the Town's citizens who have provided such strong support to our veterans and their dependents throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
H. Jaime Litchfield, Interim Director
Hingham Veterans' Services



Chief Petty Officer Keith Jermyn receiving the 2014 southern Massachusetts VSO of the Year award accompanied by Interim Director Jaime Litchfield, Benefits Administrator Lisa Potts, and Cohasset VSO Vinnie Fontaine.

Water Company Acquisition Study Committee

The objective of this report is to update Town citizens regarding the status of the Town's Complaint—filed by the Board of Selectmen on July 3, 2013—being heard in the Suffolk County Superior Court Business Litigation Session. The Town's Complaint against the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, Inc. and Aquarion Water Capital of Massachusetts, Inc. ('Aquarion') seeks a declaration of the purchase price and the right to purchase the water treatment plant under the 1879 statute which formed the company.

As directed by the Board of Selectmen, various Committee members have provided support in pursuit of the Town's Complaint throughout 2014. The litigation has proceeded in a stepwise manner, beginning with the exchange of a multitude of documents and information, continuing with depositions of non-expert fact witnesses, followed by the exchange of expert reports and the depositions of expert witnesses. There have been conferences with the Judge along the way to ensure the litigation stayed on schedule.

Following written discovery and non-expert depositions by both the Town and Aquarion during early 2014, the Town's expert, Mr. Carl Jenkins of Duff & Phelps, LLC delivered his Expert Report on June 30, 2014. Mr. Jenkins' opinions calculated the purchase price of the entire Hingham Water System—including the water treatment plant—to be between \$51,700,000 and \$58,700,000, depending upon the calculation method utilized. Aquarion's Expert Report, delivered on September 15, 2014, calculated the purchase price to be approximately \$192,100,000.

In August 2014, Aquarion served a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment, requesting the Court to find that certain terms of the 1879 statute must be interpreted in their favor. The Town opposed that motion. In October, the Judge denied Aquarion's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. The Court concluded that interpretation of the 1879 statute's terms could only be resolved at trial. As of this writing, the trial is scheduled for late February 2015. After the trial, the Judge will issue a written decision.

The Committee intends to continue keeping the Town updated with many of the relevant documents on the Town website under the Committee's "Document and Links" tab. Ultimately, a Town Meeting vote would be necessary to approve any purchase of the water company.

Water Company Acquisition Study Committee Members:

Jonathan R. Asher, Chair
Joshua Krumholz, Secretary
Joseph L. Bierwirth
Michael A. Salerno
Edward R. Siegfried

Water Supply Committee

The Hingham Water Supply Committee was established by Town Meeting in 1946. Its members are appointed by the Town Moderator. Its original charter was to investigate the feasibility of acquiring the private water company then known as the Hingham Water Company, and to report to the Town on the costs and benefits of undertaking such a project. That charter was revised by Town Meeting in 2004, expanding the role of the Committee to monitor and report on water-supply matters that affect the Town more generally. The Committee's roles include working with privately held Aquarion Water Co., the town's current municipal water supplier, and acting as liaison between Aquarion and Hingham town government.

During 2014 some of the Committee's attention involved the weather. Both July and August were unusually dry months; total rainfall between the Independence Day and Labor Day holidays was only a fraction of historical norms. Restrictions on outdoor watering and the use of irrigation systems were in effect for much of the summer. Although restrictions were eased during August to permit once-weekly use of irrigation systems, concerns were expressed about Aquarion's supply and raw-water intake capacity, water-distribution challenges, and higher levels of unaccounted-for water. All of the above raised questions about needs to be addressed through capital improvements. The dry conditions gave rise to questions from the demand side, also, with concerns about the environmental impacts of heavy water withdrawals and profligate use, and calls for greater conservation.

In part to address capacity concerns, Aquarion initiated an infrastructure investment program designed to increase the capacity of its raw-water system and ensure that the system has adequate capacity for peak summer-day loads. (The raw-water system consists of 10 active wells and their pumps, a reservoir and related pump station, and a dedicated network of pipelines that connect the wells and reservoir to the water

treatment plant.) Aquarion also conducted a water audit of its system in order to assist in identifying leaks and reducing water losses; and on the basis of what was learned from that audit Aquarion has undertaken a program of system-wide leak detection six times annually.

2014 also saw a repopulation of the Committee, with three new members appointed by the Town Moderator to fill vacant seats. The Committee's membership now stands again at seven.

Three years ago, Town Meeting voted to authorize an investigation into the feasibility of acquiring the water company, to be conducted by a separate and independent Water Company Acquisition Study Committee appointed by the Selectmen. That effort continues, and currently involves litigation between the Town and Aquarion over the question of what the acquisition cost might be. The Water Supply Committee is not involved in this effort, but continues to focus on monitoring Aquarion's ongoing operations and the Committee's role as liaison between Aquarion and Hingham town government.

James Connelly
Maureen Doran
Matthew Greene
Ron Kirven
Sam Mullin, Chair
Kirk Shilts, Secretary
Adam White

Weir River Estuary Park Committee



Hingham, Hull, and Cohasset share the estuary of the Weir River – from Foundry Pond and World's End to Sunset Point and Straits Pond. Each town appoints three members, who advocate and coordinate efforts to protect and restore habitat and also link the coastal vistas in this area, where fresh water meets the Atlantic. Members collaborate with the towns' Conservation Commissions, Land Conservation Trusts, Harbormasters, Watershed Associations, MA Coastal Zone Management and the MA Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) Program to reach these goals.

The WREPComm meets monthly (except August and December) from 7pm-9pm at Hingham Town Hall or the Weir River Estuary Center (333 George Washington Blvd. in Hull). Meeting agendas are posted at Town Hall and the Town's on-line Events Calendar. Our web page has a full-size map of the estuary and ACEC, the proposed bike path, a Paddle Guide, the Land Protection Plan, minutes, list of members, and the Annual Report. We hope you'll 'like' our Facebook page – it has photos and videos of the area, and some links to pertinent topics and websites.

February's WREPComm meeting offered a public forum for a part-time Hingham resident to present his preliminary plans to develop 48 units on about 10 acres – spanning sections of 116, 124 and 134 Rockland St. – to the neighbors and local environmental groups. The developer was looking at three options: 1) Chapter 40R, 2) Chapter 40B and 3) Flexible Redevelopment. Cohasset Co-Chair Dick Avery started the discussion by stating that the Weir River Watershed is already designated as a highly-stressed basin, and that the people present have concerns about additional development in the area, in terms of water supply, habitat and health of the estuary. Questions and comments then covered topics such as stormwater runoff, sewerage capacity, blasting, boundary buffers and potential use of low-impact development (LID) technology. Because key decisions had not been made, substantive answers to questions were not readily available. As of year-end, a formal proposal

for this project had not been brought to any of Hingham's Boards or Commissions.

In 2014, Aquarion Water Co. again partnered with the Weir River and Straits Pond Watershed Associations, Hingham's and Hull's Land Trusts and WREPComm to host **Water Matters Forums** at the South Shore Country Club, to help educate residents about issues facing our water supply, the Weir River Watershed. All three were panel discussions, featuring experts on the topics: "Water Supply & Demand-Planning for the Future" in March (MA Fish & Game Commissioner Mary Griffin; Peter Dillon, Norwell Board of Water Commissioners; Samantha Woods, Weir River Watershed Assoc.; John Walsh, Aquarion Water Company; Matt Zieper, National Trust for Public Lands), "The Future of Stormwater: Keeping Clean Water in Your Community" in April (Kurt Gaertner, MA Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs; Katy Konary of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike; David Farrag, Cohasset Conservation Commission; Scott McIsaac, Hingham Conservation Commission) and "Every Drop Counts" in late June (Leila Parker, Division of Ecological Restoration; Paul Lauenstein, Sharon Water Commission; Debbie Cook, Greenscapes).

It became clear that every drop does count when just a few days later, Aquarion announced that a strict ban on outside watering was in effect.

- Media reported that between July 5th and September 15th, rainfall was 27% of normal (2.6", as compared to 9.64");
- People saw that water levels at local reservoirs were way down. The Weir River was dry at Union St., with only a trickle at Leavitt St.;
- Summer usage surfaced as a constant: water restrictions were enforced in Scituate and other South Shore towns;
- Public Safety officials in Hull and Hingham expressed their concern about the low water pressure at Accord Pond and Turkey Hill towers;
- Gardens and wells were dry.

We also expect that the drought conditions impeded the herrings' return to the ocean after spring- time spawning in Foundry Pond.

The drought clarified issues and possible topics for the next Forum: 1) major concern about the Weir River drying up unless we change our water usage habits in summer; 2) loss of habitat; 3) what is the true capacity of the aquifer?; 4) need additional flow data and water level data; 5) future hydrological studies by Aquarion; 6) inclined rate structure to promote conservation; 7) concern about private wells being used for lawn irrigation, which further starves the aquifer that is our water supply.

Visitors to Straits Pond this summer reported that the water was clear enough to be able to see the bottom. Hull Land Conservation Trust made fundraising progress this year to purchase land or an easement to make it possible to walk all along the wooded western side of Straits Pond.



In October, spectators gathered at the George Washington Blvd. Bridge, the first landmark of the 28th annual 5.5 mile Head of the Weir regatta

WREPComm members continue to: sponsor the annual spring clean-up of the Weir River Estuary; coordinate tri-town input to develop a management plan to support the WREP Land Protection Plan (LPP); expand the bicycle map to provide interesting stop-off points; watch for any additional properties listed in the LPP that become available for protection/purchase; participate at various meetings around the towns. We are also part of the working group that will steer Hingham's Trails Plan.

Co-chairs: Dick Avery (Cohasset), Judeth Van Hamm (Hull), Patti Coyle (Hingham). Members: Faith Burbank (Hingham), Scott Plympton (Hull) and latest addition, Dave Sibor (Hingham)

Town Accountant/Finance Director

To the Citizens of the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts:

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2014 for the Town of Hingham, Massachusetts is hereby submitted for your consideration.

State law requires the Town of Hingham to publish at the close of each year a complete set of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that are audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by a firm of licensed certified public accountants.

This report consists of management's representations concerning the finances of the Town. Consequently, management assumes full responsibility for the completeness and reliability of all of the information presented in this report. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the Town has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed to both protect the Town's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the Town's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. As management, we assert that this financial report is complete and reliable in all material respects.

The CAFR is designed to be used by the elected and appointed officials of Hingham in addition to those entities concerned with the Town's management and development including credit rating agencies, bond analysts, investors and financial institutions. The format of the report enables the Town to present complex financial data in a manner that is easier for citizens and taxpayers of the Town of Hingham to review and understand.

The Town of Hingham's financial statements have been audited by Powers & Sullivan, LLC a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Town of Hingham for the year ended June 30, 2014 are free of material misstatement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable

basis for rendering an unmodified opinion on the Town of Hingham's financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014 and that they are fairly presented in conformity with GAAP. The independent auditor's report is presented as the first component of the financial section of this report.

The independent audit of the financial statements of the Town of Hingham was part of a broader, federally mandated "Single Audit" designed to meet the special needs of Federal grantor agencies. The standards governing Single Audit engagements require the independent auditor to report not only on the fair presentation of the financial statements, but also on the audited government's internal controls and compliance with legal requirements, with special emphasis on internal controls and legal requirements involving the administration of Federal awards. These reports are available in the Town of Hingham's separately issued Single Audit Report. GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Town of Hingham's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditors.

Profile of the Town of Hingham

This CAFR includes all of the operational departments of the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority is not included in the reporting entity because they do not meet the criteria for inclusion. The Hingham Public Library, the Lincoln Apartments, LLC, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System are included in this report as component units, with the Hingham Public Library and the Lincoln Apartments, LLC being presented as discrete units, and the Hingham Contributory Retirement System being presented as a fiduciary fund within the statement of fiduciary net position.

The Town of Hingham is a seacoast community located approximately 20 miles southeast of downtown Boston. Primarily an established single family community, Hingham has several historic village districts and more recent single family subdivisions that were constructed within the last 40 years.

The Town provides general government services including police and fire protection, disposal of rubbish, public education, streets, recreation and a municipal golf course (The South Shore Country Club). The

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) provides certain sewer services to the Town. A municipal sewer system serves approximately 27% of the households of the Town. The Hingham Municipal Lighting Plant, a self-supporting enterprise, provides electric power to the Town, while the Aquarion Water Company of Massachusetts, a private firm, provides water services to the Town. The Hingham Housing Authority maintains housing for elderly and handicapped residents. In addition, the Town has a Department of Elder Services to service senior citizens with various programs as well as outreach projects. Bus services are provided by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority and connect to established stations of the Authority.

Several recreational programs are provided among the parks located throughout the Town, in addition to significant beach and swimming facilities. Bare Cove Park contains 468 acres and was a former federal ammunition depot. It is mostly in its original pristine condition with many trees and forests and is adjacent to the scenic Back River. It provides walking and bicycle trails, nature studies, picnic facilities and other items of interest.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts maintains Wompatuck State Park in the Towns of Hingham and Cohasset containing 3,509 acres, of which 2,047 acres are in Hingham. In addition to the facilities provided by Bare Cove Park, it offers hiking trails in the summer which become cross country skiing trails in the winter, and extensive camping facilities are provided.

The principal services provided by the County are court facilities, a jail and house of correction and registry of deeds and probate.

The three-member elected Board of Selectmen is the administrative authority; however, the Town has a diverse government with many elected and autonomous boards and committees. A Town Administrator is appointed by the Selectmen and is responsible for day to day administration.

Factors Affecting Economic and Financial Condition

Unemployment rates in Massachusetts, which had been rising slightly for several years prior to a short decline during 2005 and 2007; continue to fall below the state and national percentages. The Town traditionally has a more stable employment profile than the state or the nation, and has maintained this consistency over the past decade.

The Town's population has modestly increased in the nineties, after having declined through most of the late eighties, and over the past decade has once again begun modest increases. There is a parallel impact in school enrollment, which declined through the late eighties and then increased 11% during the nineties. Over the past ten years the town's population has increased approximately 7% while school enrollment has increased 13%.

Long-term Financial Planning

The Finance Director along with the financial officers, which consist of the Town Accountant, the Treasurer/Collector, and the Director of Assessing work closely with the Board of Selectmen, Advisory Committee, Capital Outlay Committee and Department Heads to develop short-term and long-term financial goals and to address the financial stability of the Town.

Major Initiatives

Since the mid 1990's the Town has consistently made capital expenditures a high priority. Due to current economic conditions and budget restraints the amount of capital spending has been reduced from normal levels of \$2-\$3 million annually. The Town expects to be able to appropriate capital spending in the \$1-\$2 million range for 2015.

Financial Information

Financial Management. The Advisory Committee, Board of Selectmen and School Committee have adopted a Financial Policy. It is a comprehensive statement covering financial management, capital expenditures and debt service. The purpose of the Policy is to stabilize tax rates and control expenditures. It is expected to give guidance to the preparation, review and approval of budgets.

The Policy recommends that Available Reserves (Unassigned Fund Balance) be maintained at a level of no less than 14% and no more than 18% of total annual appropriations. Each year that Available Reserves increase, any excess of the above level should be available for spending or for tax reductions.

Internal Controls. Management of the Town is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure designed to ensure the assets of the Town are protected from loss, theft or misuse and to ensure that accurate accounting data is compiled to allow for the

preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The Town Administrator and the fiscal team are responsible for evaluating the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control structure and implementing improvements. Because the cost of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Town of Hingham's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable rather than absolute assurance that the financial statements will be free of material misstatement.

The Town voted at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 27, 2010 to establish an Audit Committee. The Committee shall assist in the selection and monitoring of an independent auditing firm to conduct annual audits of the financial statements of the Town. The Committee will supervise and review the conduct of the audit and its relationship with the Town.

Budgetary Controls. The Town Administrator is responsible for the preparation of the executive budget and initiates the process with the development of a five-year financial forecast and budget guidelines for the coming year. The various boards prepare the budgets for departments under their jurisdiction. The Town Administrator reviews all budgets and recommendations are submitted to the Board of Selectmen. The 15 member Advisory Committee reviews the budgets approved by the Board of Selectmen; attempts to resolve any differences and then prepares the annual budget recommendations to the Town Meeting, which is the body that has final approval authority. Once approved, the budgets are controlled at the department level with the Town Accountant approving all payrolls and invoices. The Advisory Committee, based on a recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, may approve subsequent transfers from a reserve fund.

The Treasurer/Collector is responsible for all of the Town's cash and investments, debt management and payment of invoices. The Assessors set the tax rate and commit the real estate taxes, personal property taxes and motor vehicle excise taxes to the Treasurer/Collector for collection. About 97% of all real estate taxes are collected during the year of billing with the remaining 3% collected the following year. This efficiency greatly aids the Treasurer/Collector in not only reducing or avoiding temporary loans but also maximizing investment potential. The Treasurer/Collector, in common with other towns as a result of permissive legislation, changed from a semi-annual billing system to a quarterly billing system in 1992. This change has not only eliminated the need for temporary borrowings, which were costing the Town \$150,000 per year, but also provided temporary excess cash beyond immediate needs which is available for short-term investment.

In addition to approval authority over all disbursements, the Town Accountant is responsible for providing accurate and timely estimates of the Town's current and future financial position to the Town Administrator. Also, the Town Accountant holds quarterly budget review meetings with departments to ensure they are within their approved budgeted appropriation.

The Finance Director holds quarterly meetings with the Town's financial officers to establish goals and objectives and to review monthly reports of comparison of budgeted revenues and expenditures with actual.

Other Information

Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Town of Hingham for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR) for the year ended June 30, 2013. This was the seventeenth consecutive year that the government has achieved this prestigious award. In order to be awarded the Certificate of Achievement, a governmental unit (state, county, district, or town) must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized Comprehensive Annual Financial Report whose contents conform to program standards established by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA). Such reports must satisfy both generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and applicable legal requirements. A Certificate of Achievement is valid for a period of one year only. We believe that our current comprehensive annual financial report continues to meet the Certificate of Achievement program's requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA to determine its eligibility for another certificate.

Independent Audit. The financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2014 were audited by the public accounting firm of Powers & Sullivan, LLC. The financial statements have received an "unmodified opinion" from the auditors. An "unmodified opinion" is the best opinion which a governmental unit can receive. It indicates that the financial statements were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that they are fairly presented in all material aspects.

Additionally, the Town is required to have a single audit, under the requirements of the Single Audit Act of 1984, of all Federal programs, as

prescribed in the Federal Office of Management & Budget's Circular A133.

Acknowledgments

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Cordially yours,

Ted C. Alexiades, CPFO
Town Administrator/Finance Director

Susan M. Nickerson
Town Accountant

Treasurer/Collector

Balance in the Treasury July 1, 2013	76,832,026
-Total Receipts for Fiscal Year 2014	199,620,528
-Total Paid on Selectmen's warrants.....	(201,211,254)
Balance in the Treasury June 30, 2014	75,241,300

Investment Return for all accounts.....1,827,000

During Fiscal Year 2014 the Collector's Office processed the following warrants for collection:

2014 Real Estate Tax	68,428,368
2014 Community Preservation Surcharge	884,438
2014 Personal Property Tax	1,266,972
2014 Boat Excise Tax	66,151
2014 Motor Vehicle Tax	3,470,394
2013 Motor Vehicle Tax	319,521
Betterments-Paid in Advance	52,891
Sewer Betterments & Committed Interest	185,536
Title 5 Betterments & Committed Interest	2,707
Sewer Use Liens	145,398
Light Liens.....	578
Roll Back Tax.....	16,616
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	<u>600,522</u>
Total	75,440,092

Tax collections have remained strong with ninety-nine percent of real estate and personal property revenue collected by fiscal year end. 8,921 real estate, 466 personal property, and 27,162 excise tax and demand bills were issued. In fiscal year 2014 seventy-six percent of the town's operating revenue was tax collection generated.

In FY 14 the position of Treasurer/Collector was changed from elected to appointed. The April 2013 town meeting voted in favor of making this administrative change through the filing of special legislation. The special legislation insured that the statutory duties and functions of the position would remain the same and that the currently serving Treasurer/Collector would become the appointed Treasurer/Collector upon adoption. The legislation, C. 157 of 2013, moved quickly through the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor on November 25th of fiscal year 14.

The April 2014 town meeting also approved the Treasurer's request to accept C. 188 sec. 65 of the Acts of 2010 allowing the adoption of simplified, expedited procedures for handling unclaimed checks per MGL C. 200A, sec. 9A. The Treasurer's office can now begin the process of locating and notifying owners of un-cashed checks sooner by two years and more efficiently through the use of website postings. Timely determination that certain funds have been abandoned allows the Treasurer to expeditiously return them to the general treasury where they then become available for further appropriation to meet other municipal expenses.

There were 5 new tax liens secured in fiscal year 2014. We continue our practice of pursuing tax lien collection in house rather than selling or assigning to an outside party. By applying consistently enforced collection measures and working directly with taxpayers the Treasurer's office collected \$133,038 in tax lien revenue in FY 2014 of which 47% or \$62,228 was payment of interest and fees accruing to the benefit of the general fund. Had we sold or assigned our tax liens the interest and fee revenue received through payment plans and lien redemption would have been lost to the Town.

The total outstanding long term debt as of June 30th was \$49,679,727. Details related to the Town's outstanding debt obligation can be found in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFRA) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2014.

\$45.5m in short term debt was issued in May of 2014 primarily to renew a maturing BAN related to the construction of the new Middle School. New money was borrowed to construct sewers on Ship and Cottage Streets, purchase two fire trucks and five mowers for the South Shore Country Club. The town received ten competitive bids as the Town's excellent credit ratings continued to draw strong interest from investors. The bid was awarded to Morgan Stanley & Co, LLC on the basis of their net interest cost bid of .1160%. The notes will mature on May 22, 2015.

I wish to thank the staff in the Treasurer/Collector's office for their continued dedicated service - Lori-Ann Magner, Nancy Leahy, Jacquie Berard, Linda Kelley and Regina Ledwick. They are a wonderful team!

Jean M. Montgomery
Treasurer/Collector

TRUST FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF THE TREASURER
As of June 30, 2014

Trust Fund	Balance 6/30/13	Balance 6/30/14
375th Anniversary	11,589	11,957
Aid to Elderly/Disable	6,892	4,852
Affordable Housing Trust	451,867	246,917
Buttonwood Tree	2,297	1,504
Dr. Margaret Long Memorial	61,466	61,503
Education	14,730	15,281
Federal Withholding	5,747	5,750
Foundry Pond	6,939	6,943
Fourth of July	82,790	69,724
Hannah Lincoln Whiting	15,158	15,217
Hingham High School Fields Gift Acct	699,179	243,590
Hingham War Memorial	9,813	9,819
Light Depreciation	9,150,317	11,109,959
Light Reserve Stranded Costs	3,181,170	3,792,369
Light - Customer Deposit	1,482,135	1,582,141
MWRA I&I Grant/Loan Program	66,557	363,478
Medical Insurance	670,262	681,768
More-Brewer	84,154	84,205
OPEB Trust (Light)	1,580,258	1,717,220
OPEB Trust (Town)	4,020,520	5,928,515
Open Space Conservation	76,775	68,041
Preservation Projects	137,406	148,259
Preservation Projects - Greenbush	1,443,656	1,492,628
Scholarship*	3,742,538	4,398,154
Stabilization	1,312,751	1,138,385
Stabilization – Meals Tax	744,699	746,119
USLST – War Memorial - Shipyard	1,349	1,350
Veterans Council Beneficial Gift Account	3,114	2,566
Veterans in Need	<u>9,647</u>	<u>15,594</u>
Total	29,075,775	33,963,808

*See Scholarship Committee Report for individual scholarship balances

Board of Assessors

It is the responsibility of the Assessors' Office to establish current fair market value for all of the properties in the Town of Hingham. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue mandates that every city/town fully update its property assessments each fiscal year to reflect the current fair market value. Every three years, the DOR audits the Board of Assessors records and procedures for certification. This includes an intense examination of all of Hingham's assessment policies and procedures. In 2014, we received our Triennial Certification approval and our tax rate was approved by the DOR in plenty of time for the mailing of the January tax bill.

In addition to the real property valuations, the Assessors' Office maintains records on taxable personal property, boat and motor vehicles excise tax files. All applications for deferrals, personal exemptions, community preservation exemptions, and abatement requests for real property, personal property, boat and motor vehicle excise taxes can be obtained from and must be filed with the Assessors' Office. Monthly, the Assessor's Office updates all property ownerships according to the recorded deed transactions which are received from the Registry of Deeds. Hingham consists of over 8600 parcels, so there are many transactions that take place.

As part of the revaluation process, the sales for 2013 were analyzed. The ratio of the assessment to the sales price is calculated and Hingham's ratio for Fiscal Year 15 is 94%. The fiscal 2015 tax rate is \$12.53, down 3 cents from last year. The average assessment for single family homes is \$692,700, up from last year's average of \$655,100. The average assessment for condominiums is \$476,690, up from last year's average of \$440,000.

The Assessors' Office continues to participate in the Senior Work Off program which has been a great success for everyone involved. We are fortunate to have two terrific volunteers while they earn a real estate tax credit for their invaluable service to our office. They assist our office in a variety of ways and we are grateful that they participate in such a worthwhile program.

2014 was the "year of change" for our office, all to the advantage for the Town of Hingham. Due to two openings, Erin Walsh and Maureen Carlson were hired as Assessing Technicians. They have both adapted well to the office and were brought up to speed quickly with the training

of Assistant Assessor, Kathie Collins. The Director of Assessing, Rick Nowlan, continues to be a great asset to the office and is extremely approachable and available to the citizens of Hingham.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Rick and his staff for a successful 2014.

Stuart G. Hall, Chairman
Michael Shaughnessy
Harold Goldstein

Hingham Contributory Retirement System

There are 105 contributory retirement systems within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. These systems have accepted the provisions of Sections 1-28 (contributory sections), Chapter 32, Massachusetts General Laws. As a result of this acceptance, all systems, although operating independently, are bound together under one uniform retirement law.

The Annual Report for 2014 contains the system's financial statements as well as membership statistics listing new members enrolled, members that were retired and members who died in 2014.

Ted Alexiades, Chairman & Appointed Member
Susan M. Nickerson, Ex-Officio Member
William A. Powers, Elected Member
Jean M. Montgomery, Elected Member
Henry F.G. Wey, III, Appointed Member

Contributory Retirement System Trial Balance as of December 31, 2014 (Pre-Close)

ASSETS

Cash – Citizens Bank	739,178.62
Checking – Citizens Bank	205.00
Pooled Domestic Equity Fund (PRIT)	26,747,108.70
Pooled International Equity (PRIT)	13,788,775.33
Pooled Value-Added Fixed Income (PRIT)	9,021,990.78
Pooled Core Fixed Income Fund (PRIT)	18,490,573.81
Pooled Alternative Investments (PRIT)	935,299.59
Pooled Real Estate Funds (PRIT)	9,892,844.23

Pooled Emerging Markets (PRIT)	10,836,371.76
Pooled Hedge Funds (PRIT)	4,823,812.58
Cash Fund (PRIT)	20,029.98
General Allocation Account (PRIT)	1,734,164.87

Accounts Receivable	62,739.08
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Sub Total	97,093,094.33
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	-14,214.69
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Sub Total	-14,214.69
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FUND BALANCES

Annuity Fund	-22,533,901.08
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Annuity Reserve Fund	-6,869,626.34
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Military Service Fund	-14,511.34
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Pension Fund	-6,579,855.63
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Pension Reserve Fund	-55,720,216.45
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Sub Total	-91,718,110.84
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REVENUES

Investment Income	-2,690,778.29
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Interest not Refunded	-1,256.19
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Miscellaneous Income	1,867.79
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Realized Gain	-3,297,147.79
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Realized Loss	174,903.54
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Unrealized Gain	-10,014,520.11
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Unrealized Loss	9,381,636.28
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Contrib. received for Military Service	0.00
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Member Deductions	-2,557,365.95
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Transfers from other Systems	-125,375.80
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Members' Make-Ups and Re-Deposits	30,199.79
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Pension Fund Appropriation	-4,182,459.00
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Federal Grant Reimbursement	-30,656.08
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3(8)(c) Reimb. From other Systems	-151,854.40
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Received from Commonwealth COLA	-40,112.00
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Member Payments from Rollovers	-19,913.32
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Sub Total	-13,522,831.53
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DISBURSEMENTS

Staff Salaries	79,847.23
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Management Fees	312,285.61
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Consultant Fees	40,000.00
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Legal Expenses	0.00
Fiduciary Insurance	5,344.00
Service Contracts	21,495.00
Actuarial Services	8,100.00
Accounting Services	10,323.82
Education and Training	400.00
Administrative Expenses	6,734.25
Furniture and Equipment	445.00
Travel	79.44
Annuities Paid	1,141,266.34
Pensions Paid	5,601,800.83
COLA's Paid	302,181.29
3(8)(c) Reimb. to other Systems	124,883.41
Transfers to other Systems	300,891.32
Refunds to Members	196,953.92
Option B Refunds	9,031.27
Sub Total	8,162,062.73

NEW MEMBERS 2014

Kelsey Achin	Tara McAuley
Dawn Amaral	Jenna McCarter
Laura Arsenault	Matthew McDonald
Amy Barbuto-Pinheiro	Lindsay McGrath
Tabitha Beary	Owen McKenna
Marian Bottini	Lauren Merritt
Brenda Bowen	Laura Miller
Jean Boyce	Ashley Mills
James Brady	Rachael Moore
Ruthann Breen	Jennifer Morgan
Andria Butler	Stephanie Moussalli
Anthony Caliri	Barbara Mullin
Nicole Cannon	Kelly Munroe
Jaye Carlson	Julie Natanson
Alexandra Case	Elizabeth Nee
Ahna Clements	Brian Norton
Marguerite Concannon	Linda O'Brien
Kimberlie Condon	Kristine O'Keeffe
Michaela Connolly	Adam Olsson
Meghan Corry	Aishia Oppong
Joseph Crean	Joseph Perneta
Nancy Cronin	William Pye
Lisa Crowley	Mary Rafferty
James Damery	Patricia Ramos

Emily Davis
Daniel Dempsey
Alison Dewire
Luke Dodge
Susan Doran
Lauren Drosos
Michael Dunlea
Alfred Duquette
Martin Flaherty
Nicole Garrity
Kathleen Gorski
Gustav Haflin
Dana Hanseth
Kenneth Hanson
Robert Hayhurst
Francis Hernon
Bonnie Jones
Mary Joyce
Richard Lincoln
Harold Litchfield
Nicholas Lombardo
Bradford Matton
Joseph Maynard

Poornima Rau
Dustin Reardon
Darlene Saluti
Darryl Sampson
Matthew Shinney
Adam Slys
Diane Smith
Emily Snow
Michaela Sousa
Kathleen Sowyrda
Nina Sperry
Denise Stanley
Katherine Sullivan
Robert Sweeney
Scott Trefethen
Christine Trifone
Joseph Trinchera
Cori Trombly
Jeremy Twombly
Erin Walsh
Allison Wolf
Brianne Yannotta

RETIRED MEMBERS 2014

Sandra Alger
Charles Bacon
Isabel Bellenis
Marsha Cuddy
Donna Ekstrand
Cynthia Enos
Carol Ford
Marion Garvin
Victoria Hastey
Kathleen Knorr

Kathleen Leahy
Patricia Lowery
Gerald McInnis
Robert Regan
Martha Robinson
Lauren Ryan
Mary Ryan
Nancy Silvia
Elaine Smoot

DECEASED RETIREES 2014

Wayne C. Dennis
Charles H. Grainger
Irene F. Henningsen
Bruce W. Kelly
Ellen D. Prusick

Barbara E. Rattray
Peter Tutkus
Elaine A. Waugh
Charlotte E. Webber
Mary Rita Webster

MEMBERSHIP STATISTIC REPORT 2013

Active Membership Dec 31, previous year	612
Inactive Membership Dec 31, previous year	117
Enrolled during current year	93
Transfers between groups	0
Reinstatements of disabled members	0
SUBTOTAL	93
Deduct	
Death	0
Withdrawal	37
Retirements	19
SUBTOTAL	56
Active Membership Dec. 31, current year	658
Inactive Membership Dec. 31, current year	108
Retired Beneficiary, and Survivor	
Membership, Dec. 31, previous year	292
Retirements during the year:	
Superannuation	20
Ordinary disability	0
Accidental disability	0
Termination Retirement Allowance	0
Beneficiary of Deceased Retiree	1
Survivor benefits from active membership	0
SUBTOTAL	21
Deduct	
Deaths of retired member's	10
Termination of Survivors Benefits	3
Reinstatement of disabled pensions	0
SUBTOTAL	13
Retired Membership Dec. 31, current year	
Superannuation	249
Ordinary disability	2
Accidental disability	11
Termination	0
Beneficiaries from accidental deaths	9
Beneficiaries from Section 100	0
Beneficiaries from Section 101	3
Beneficiaries under Option (C)	16

Option (D) Survivor Allowance	10
Section 12B Survivor Allowance	0
Total Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor Membership, Dec. 31, current year	300
<u>TOTAL MEMBERSHIP</u>	
Active, Inactive, Retired, Beneficiary and Survivor, Dec. 31, current year	1066



USCG Kodiak Island displays the Town of Hingham flag from its mast in Atlantic Beach, NC.